



Ashford Keynes

Death of Thomas Arnold 1790

Thomas, the son of Edward Arnold, Widower, of the parish of Summerford Keynes, in the county of Wilts, died Jan^y. 18th 1790, and was buried 20th aged 14 years.

His death was occasioned by a fall from his Master's horse, Farmer Washbourn of Summerford Keynes, as he was returning from Cricklade to Summerford Keynes, by the turning of the saddle, as the horse was going on a gallop, at or near the turn of the road near the windmill in this parish, on the highway leading towards Cricklade; and was dragged from thence, by his foot being entangled in the stirrup, to a gate opening into Jeremiah Telling's pigsty near the workhouse in this parish; where the horse, endeavouring to leap over, broke the stirrup and left the Boy, a very dreadful sight – His head swelled bruised and bloody, his tongue hanging out, and his coat tore from off his back – The distance that he was dragged is about a quarter of a mile.

Medical assistance was immediately administered to him, but after giving two or three groans he expired.

There was an Inquest taken, by the Coroner, when the Jury brought in their Verdict, Accidental Death.

Source: Ashton Keynes Holy Cross, Parish Register 1771-1812