



Coroner's Inquest Reports

Berwick Bassett 1800-1849

1822

On Monday last, at Berwick Bassett, on the body of Wm Waylen, a shepherd in the employ of Mr Nalder, who was found dead in his bed. The deceased was far advanced in years, and is supposed to have died in a fit of apoplexy. - Visitation of God **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 22 August 1822**

1838

On Monday last, at Berwick Bassett, on the body of Thomas Stroud, who on the previous Saturday, whilst attempting to hold in his horses that were running away with a waggon-load of hurdles, fell to the ground and was killed on the spot, in consequence of the waggon passing over him. - Natural Death. **Wiltshire Independent Thursday 17 May 1838**

1846

At Berwick Bassett, on the body of George Pickett, three years old, whose clothes caught fire during the absence of the mother. He was so severely burnt that he did not survive many hours - Accidentally burnt **Hampshire Advertiser Saturday 30 May 1846**

At Berwick Bassett, on the body of Thomas Farley, 19 years of age. It appeared from the statement of Thomas Simpkins, that he and the deceased were drawing water at a well for the cattle on the premises of Mr Stephen Neate; that as the bucket was going down very fast the handle struck him on the arm, when he turned very white and fell down into the well. Witness endeavoured to save him by catching hold of his clothes which were torn from his grasp, and was nearly pulled in after him. - Verdict - accidentally drowned **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 25 June 1846**