



Berwick St. John Sudden Death of Ann Staples

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SUDDEN DEATH. - An inquest was held here on Tuesday before Mr. R. M. Wilson, coroner, on the body of Ann Staples, who had died suddenly the previous Friday. Deceased who was a widow, was 74 years of age. She appeared to be in her usual health at the time of going to bed on Thursday, but towards the next morning was seized with violent coughing, followed by spitting of blood, and died in a few minutes.

Mr. Thompson, surgeon was of opinion that death was caused by the rupture of some large vessel probably of the heart, and the subsequent hemorrhage.

A verdict was returned of "Died by the visitation of God"