



# CORONERS INQUESTS



*(Bishopstone, near Swindon)*

## INQUEST

Mr. W. B. Whitmarsh held an inquest on Tuesday last, at the True Heart Inn, on the body of **Sarah Collier**, aged 64, the wife of **John Collier**, a mason, of this parish.

Mr. J. Percy was chosen foreman of the jury. After the jury had proceeded to the house of deceased to view the body, the evidence of Mary Ann Wheeler, a neighbour, was taken, and it was to the effect that deceased had been suffering from pains for the last 18 months, and had been in failing health since that time, but no immediate danger was anticipated. On Sunday afternoon last she was called in to see deceased, and finding her in a stinking condition, at once sent for Dr. Fernie, of Stratton, but deceased passed away before the arrival of that gentlemen.

Dr. Fernie, M.R.C.S., stated that he was sent for on Sunday evening, and arrived at Bishopstone about midnight of the same day, but found deceased had been dead about three hours. He had examined the body, and in his opinion the cause of death was haemorrhage, brought on by natural causes.

The jury returned a verdict to the effect that deceased died suddenly from natural causes and without medical attendance.

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