



Coroners Bills 1752-1796

Studley, Bremhill

County coroners were introduced in England in around 1194 once established other boroughs and liberties sought the right to have their own coroner. Often in Medieval times the coroner also assumed the role of the sheriff and his duties weren't limited to holding inquests on dead bodies although almost a full time post they were unpaid for the duties apart from those that were deemed murder of manslaughter when they would receive 13s. 4d. From the 24th June 1752 a law was passed allowing the coroner to claim £1 for every inquest they attended not held in a gaol and also to claim 9d per mile travel allowance from the place of residence. Inquests held in any gaol were performed at a rate totalling no more than £1. These costs were to be paid from the county rates. In cases of homicide the coroner also received the former fee of 13s. 4d. The coroners submitted their bills at the quarter session sittings for approval.

Year	Date	Surname	Given Names	Coroner		Details of Inquest	Place of Inquest	No. of Miles Travelled	Coroners Bill			Notes
				Surname	Given Names				£	s	d	
1770	16-Jul	Godwin	John	Clare	John	Found dead in a Studley to Calne lane; No marks of violence; Sudden natural death	Bremhill, Studley	8	1	6	0	
1756	27-Dec	Unknown	Unknown	Clare	John	Found dead under a hedge; Accidental Death	Bremhill, Studley	7	1	5	3	Unknown Woman
1771	29-	Unknown	Unknown	Clare	William	Suddenly died in a field, to all	Bremhill,	9	1	6	9	Unidentified

	Oct					appearance apoplexy	Studley Green					man
1766	05-Sep	Wilcocks	Daniel	Clare	John	Aged about 4; Fell into a well and was drowned	Bremhill, Studley	8	1	6	0	
1768	23-Feb	Wilcocks	Susannah	Clare	John	Fell into a rivulet and was drowned	Bremhill, Studley	8	1	6	0	
1772	01-Jul	Willcox	Robert	Clare	William	Adjourned for want of evidence to 3rd July	Bremhill, Studley	7		5	3	
1772	03-Jul	Willcox	Robert	Clare	William	Unlawfully killed by his brother	Bremhill, Studley	8	1	6	0	