



# CORONERS INQUEST REPORTS



## *Bremhill*

**1824**

An inquest was on Wednesday held at Bremhill on the body of Robert Slade, and old servant to Mr Smith of that place. The deceased, it appeared, had unfortunately assisted himself in getting off a straw rick by means of a pitchfork with the handle on the ground; the points of which slipped, penetrated his heart, and killed him on the spot. **Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette Thursday 12 August 1824**

**1832**

Held before W Abye, esq. On Tuesday at Bremhill on the body of a new born illegitimate child, whose death had occurred under suspicious circumstances, its mother having denied her pregnancy up to the moment of her delivery. After a minute investigation of the case, the Jury returned a verdict – Natural Death. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 5 April 1832**

**1841**

Taken by Mr Whitmarsh at Bremhill on the body of James Carter 41 years of age. William Freegard, a labourer, stated that he asked the deceased if he might accompany him in his wagon, which was going to Bowood for some grains – that deceased, who was in liquor, then sat with witness in the wagon, whilst a lad went by the side of the horses – that when they arrived at the top of Chilvester Hill on their road to Bowood, the horses were going at a slow trot, when the rattle of a post-chaise behind tended to increase their speed; and the deceased, finding that the horses were going on faster than he thought the lad could head them, immediately jumped down, and, missing the limber, fell under the wheels which passed over his body. Deceased on returning home received every proper assistance, but after a week's suffering, he died from the injury received. Verdict – Accidental Death. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal Monday 20 December 1841**

**1842**

By Mr Whitmarsh at Bremhill on the body of Esther Carter, between 3 and 4 years of age, whose clothes accidentally caught fire whilst alone in her grandmother's cottage, with whom she lived. After many days suffering from the effects of the burns, she died, and a verdict was returned accordingly. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 28 April 1842**

**1844**

Held by Mr Whitmarsh at Bremhill on the body of Joseph Summers, three years of age, whose clothes caught fire in a garden where some weeds were burning, and occasioned his death soon afterwards. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal Saturday 11 May 1844**

**1845**

At Scott's Mill in the parish of Bremhill, on the body of John Dix, 17 years of age. From the statement of William Hiscock, he and the deceased, with others, were bathing near the mill when the deceased, who could not swim, asked him if he would take him across the river which was very deep. Witness had carried him about the middle when he found himself unable to bear deceased up, and was obliged to let him go, whereby he sank and was not found (although diligent search was made for him throughout the remainder of the day) until the next morning, about 100 yards from the spot where he had sunk the previous day. Verdict: Accident. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 26 June 1845**

**1848**

Taken by Mr Whitmarsh at Stockham Marsh in the parish of Bremhill on the body of John Taylor, and aged man who, whilst doing a little work, dropped dead in his garden. Verdict: Visitation of God. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal Saturday 10 June 1848**