



# CORONERS INQUEST REPORTS



## **Inquest on Alfred William Matthews**

An inquest was held on Wednesday at Foxham, near Bremhill, on the body of Alfred William Matthews, between eight and nine years of age. On the previous evening deceased did not return home from a corn field, where he had been bird-keeping during the day, when his father made a search for him, and at last he found him in the Wilts and Berks canal by a swing-bridge which leads into the field where he was employed. It appeared that deceased had been in the water four or five hours; that whilst standing on the towing path he over-balanced himself, and fell in the canal. Verdict - Accidentally drowned.

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