



Typical thatched roof cottage fire

Lightning Causes Cottages Fire at Bremhill 1905

At seven o'clock on Tuesday evening two thatched cottages at Bremhill, Wilts, belonging to the Marquis of Lansdowne, were struck by lightning, and the roof of one fell in with a crash, a girl having a narrow escape. The thatching was ignited, and the flames spread to the adjoining cottage, where an old woman lay dead, and the body was rescued with difficulty. The cottages were completely destroyed, and the inmates lost all they possessed. A subscription list has been opened at Calne for the sufferers.

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