



# CORONERS. INQUESTS



## **William Goodfellow, Age 59, 20th December 1912**

City Coroner was Mr. S. Buchanan Smith.

Foreman of the Jury was Mr. E. G. Kimber.

Inquest took place at Police Recreation Room, Winchester Street.

Arthur Goodfellow, son of the deceased lived with his father at 11, Old Street, East Harnham. On Tuesday evening he left home at about 6.45 leaving his father in usual good health. When he returned home at 10.00 p.m. his father was asleep in bed. The following morning when he went down just after 8.00 a.m. his father appeared to be asleep.

Edith Mary Goodfellow, youngest daughter of the deceased also lived with her father and had looked after him for the past 3 years since his wife died. At 8.15 a.m. on Wednesday morning she heard him come downstairs coughing. He said he felt ill and had a pain in his chest. He sat in a chair for a few minutes and kept coughing. Then he lay down on the couch complaining again of the pain, saying he thought it was windy spasms. He went out in the garden coughing and retching as if he were sick. She met him as he came indoors and he soon went back to bed. She went up to see how he was after a little while and found him on the bed making a gurgling noise in his throat. She spoke to him several times but got no answer. She went for the next door neighbour and the district nurse. When she got back he was dead. The nurse sent for the doctor.

Mr. T. B. Henderson, medical practitioner of Salisbury, received the message at 9.25 a.m. and was there at about 9.35 a.m. He found the man lying on the bed on his right side, fully dressed. The body was still quite warm, death having taken place a few minutes earlier. The features were composed. His examination revealed evidence of chronic bronchitis. His opinion was that death was due to heart disease caused by chronic bronchitis.

A verdict in accordance with the medical evidence was returned.

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