



Coroners Bills

1752-1796

Brokenborough

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 or 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	
1767	17-Apr	Guest	Harry	Clare	John	Found dead in Players Leazes; No marks of violence; Apoplexy	Brokenborough	22	1	16	6	
1767	14-Apr	Hanham	Naomi	Clare	John	Aged about 5; Fell in a mill-pond and was drowned	Brokenborough	22	1	16	6	
1756	03-Apr	Pitt	Isaac	Clare	John	Gentleman; Killed by a house falling upon him	Brokenborough	22	1	16	6	
1758	30-Jun	Sanders	Mary	Clare	John	Aged about 2; Pecked headlong into a pail of water and was drowned	Brokenborough	22	1	16	6	
1768	20-Jul	Unknown	Unknown	Clare	John	A man unknown; found dead in the road from Brokenborough to Long Newnton	Long Newnton	25	1	18	9	

						very much emaciated but with no sign of any blows or bruises; Natural Death						
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