



# *Coroner's Inquest Report*

## *Inquest of Frank Herbert Martin*

### **Drowning While Fishing**

An inquest was held on Monday afternoon at Christian Malford, by Mr. W..E..N. Browne, the coroner for north Wilts, touching the death of Frank Herbert Martin, a married man, aged 25, who was drowned in the river at Christian Malford, while fishing on Saturday afternoon.

The evidence was to the effect that deceased was sitting on a bridge fishing in the company with a youth named Sydney Fortune. Fortune heard a shout and then saw deceased in the water. He went in after him with his clothes on and got hold of him. The deceased, however, clung to him, and went under twice. Witness had to let him go, or he would have been drowned himself. A verdict of "Accidental death from drowning" was returned, and at the request of the jury the coroner promised to communicate with the Humane Society with reference to the youth Fortune.

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