



CORONERS INQUESTS



Inquest of William Comley

FATAL ACCIDENT IN THE CHURCHYARD

Mr. Whitmarsh held an inquest on Monday in the parish on the body of a man, 80 years of age, named William Comley, a mason, who lost his life by an accident whilst following his employment in the parish churchyard. The Rev. C. Bradford said on the previous Friday he was in the vestry of the church preparing for service, when he heard a noise as of falling masonry, followed by a cry.

He went out into the churchyard, where the deceased had been working near a tomb, and there saw him lying under portions of the tomb, which had fallen over on his body. It appeared he had been excavating by the side of the grave, and so loosened the foundations that the stones fell over before he could escape. He died from his injuries and general shock on the following day. A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

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