



# SOUTH WILTSHIRE CORONER'S INQUESTS



## CODFORD

**Samuel Ford      30<sup>th</sup> June, 1905**

### ***Sad End of a Former Resident***

At the Inquest, into the death of Samuel Ford, who for some years past had resided at Chichester, previously of Codford St Mary, it was noted that he had been suffering from nervous debility for some little time, and came to Codford on Friday, June 9th, for a change.

Apparently he did not get any better, and had arranged to return on Tuesday of this week. He left the house of his friend, Mr W L Savage, at about 11am, it was believed he was going to wish some of his old friends goodbye, and as he did not return his friends believed he had decided to go by a later train.

When Mr John Savage went to the wood house at the end of his garden, between three and four o'clock, he was startled to find Samuel Ford hanging from a rope and still attached to the rope, quite dead, and had apparently been so for some time. He at once cut him down and went for the doctor and police. Dr A Ward, of Codford, came at once, and pronounced Samuel Ford to be dead. The police also came, and communicated with Coroner Sylvester of Trowbridge, by whom an inquest was held on Wednesday.

The Rev E A Arthurs was foreman of the jury, and a verdict of "Suicide by hanging himself during temporary insanity" was returned. Much sympathy is felt for the widow and relatives of the deceased in their sad bereavement.

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