



Coroners Bills

1752-1796

Collingbourne Ducis

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	No. of Miles Travelled	Coroners Bill			Notes
				Surname	Given Names			£	s	d	
1786	07-Jan	Banning	John	Clare	William	Returning from Pewsey to Collingbourne Ducis or Kingston a week before died from the inclement weather and was covered in snow	12	1	9	0	
1794	16 Mar	Blake	John	Clare	William	Going from his home at Burbage to Andover Market and passing in the night in a cart through some water at Collingbourne Ducis, was thrown out and killed.	20	1	15	0	
1795	15 Nov	Chandler	Thomas	Clare	William	Found dead in a lane near the Parsonage; Natural Death.	19	1	14	3	

1793	07-Jun	Croombs	Robert	Clare	William	An old man; accustomed to lie down in the field when weary was found dead there	19	1	14	3	
1780	22-Feb	Jones	Elizabeth	Clare	William	Being covered by a pass from Basingstoke, Hampshire to Corsham died on the road between Ludgershall and Collingbourne Ducis.	19	1	14	3	
1757	10-Mar	Lewis	Be...ony	Clare	John	Accidental Death	16	1	12	0	
1766	08-Oct	Wadhams	Thomas	Clare	John	Killed by the kick of a horse	17	1	12	9	