



SOUTH WILTSHIRE
CORONER'S INQUESTS



Compton Chamberlayne

Newspaper Reports

Thomas Sanger 5th August, 1853

Fatal Accident

A fatal accident occurred yesterday morning at Compton Chamberlain, to a carter named Thomas Sanger, in the employment of Mr Lever, of Fovant. The deceased was riding on the shafts of a waggon, drawn by two horses, which was proceeding to Salisbury, and, rising up to strike the fore horse with his whip, he fell to the ground, and both wheels of the waggon passing over his chest, instantaneous death was the result. It is melancholy to add, at the same time that it furnishes some explanation of one of the causes of the accident, that the deceased was very much intoxicated at the time, and with the usual stubbornness and acrimony of a drunken man, had angrily refused to suffer his companions to take the reins. Sanger was a widower, and has left several children to deplore their loss. An inquest was held yesterday at Compton Chamberlain on the body of the deceased, when it was mentioned that a brother of the deceased lost his life under similar circumstances rather more than six years ago.

Verdict, "Accidental death."

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