



*SOUTH WILTSHIRE  
CORONER'S INQUESTS  
Compton Chamberlayne*



**William Moxham 11th July, 1868**

**Death of a 51 Year Old Man**

An inquest was held by R. M. Wilson, Esq., at the Salisbury Infirmary on the body of William Moxham, a 51 year old labourer, of Compton Chamberlayne.

It appeared from the evidence given at the Inquest that on 30th May, William Moxham, the deceased, was engaged with some other men in a field belonging to Mr. Penruddocke. Being the first day's mowing, the men had a little extra beer and in the evening the deceased had knocked down one of the other men, who on getting up closed with him and they both fell backwards. The deceased struck his head against some hard substance, causing it to bleed profusely. He was conveyed home and Mr. Clay, surgeon of Fovant, attended him until the 11th June, when he recommended Mr. Moxham to come to the Infirmary, which he did and remained there until the day of his death on 11th July, 1868.

There was no ill-feeling existing between the deceased and the other man. The deceased had admitted that it was entirely his own fault. Mr. F. F. Lee, house surgeon at the Infirmary, examined the head and found the bone exposed and becoming dead, the skull was fractured. He was of the opinion that death had resulted from the injury to the bone, frequent loss of blood and disease of the kidneys. Verdict - Accidental death.

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An inquest was held at the Infirmary, on Tuesday, on the body of William Moxham, aged 51, who died from the effects of an injury sustained on the 30th of May, at Compton Chamberlayne. The deceased was wrestling in good humour, with a fellow labourer, when he fell and injured his head; he lingered until Monday. Verdict, "Accidental death."

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