



SOUTH WILTSHIRE
CORONER'S INQUESTS
(Dinton extracts)



Edna BELBIN 31st December, 1909

Sudden Death at the Railway Station

At Dinton Railway station on Tuesday, a young married woman, named Edna Belbin, died suddenly when about to enter a train.

Beatrice Mills, wife of Frederick Mills, labourer of Teffont Magna, said that Mrs Belbin was her sister and the wife of Thomas Belbin, baker of Maddington. The deceased was aged 30 years old & had been staying with her parents at Teffont since Friday.

On Tuesday the deceased walked with her sister Mrs Mills from Teffont to Dinton Railway Station. They had started the journey at about 12 noon and had arrived at the Railway Station just before 1pm. The deceased had stopped two or three times on the way, complaining of pain in her arms. Mrs Mills had gone to get the train tickets, while the deceased was sitting on a seat outside the station. The train came into the station & Mrs Belbin was in the process of getting up when she fell forward. Mrs Belbin was moved to the waiting room where she died a few minutes later.

Thomas Belbin, husband of the deceased said his wife had been in her usual health – only complaining of pain in her arms and sometimes her chest and they thought that it was caused by indigestion.

Mr Challoner Clay, surgeon, of Dinton had been called to the station just before 2 pm on that Tuesday to see the body. There was a slight scratch on the temple where the deceased had fallen, otherwise the appearance of the body was quite natural. Mr Clay attributed death to a sudden spasm of the heart.

The jury returned a verdict accordingly.

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