



SOUTH WILTSHIRE  
CORONER'S INQUESTS



Durrington

**Martha Poole      12<sup>th</sup> February, 1847**

**Death after Falling Down Stairs**

An inquest was held by Mr Wilson, at Durrington, on Friday, on the body of Martha Poole. The deceased had gone on the Wednesday evening previous to nurse a neighbor, and fell down part of the stairs when leaving the bedroom. She was not sensible of any further injury than a blow on the nose and a sprained arm; but after she had retired to rest about an hour, the person with whom she slept was awoken by her stertorous breathing, and upon getting a light, she was discovered to be dead. From the medical evidence it appeared that she had most probably received a concussion of the brain, which led to apoplexy, of which she died. The deceased was 66 years of age, and was much respected by all who knew her.

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