

Coroner's Inquest Reports



Fittleton 1850-1899

1852

An inquest was held by Mr. Wilson, at Fittleton, on Monday last on the body of Mary Blackmore, who died very suddenly on the Friday evening previous, without any previous illness. And another inquest was held by the same coroner at Martin, on Wednesday, on the body of Mrs Sarah Bound, who dropped down dead whilst dressing herself on Sunday morning. A verdict in each case was returned of "Died by the Visitation of God". **Salisbury and Winchester Journal Saturday 14 February 1852**

1870

At Fittleton on Frederick Maggs, aged 6 years. The deceased was attacked with English cholera, and died in a few hours from exhaustion. Verdict: Natural Causes. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 15 September 1870**

At Fittleton on Thomas Drewitt, aged 21 years. On the 6th Nov. the deceased was at the Fox and Hounds Inn, Netheravon, in company with his brother John and some girls. The two brothers had some altercation about the girls, which ended in a fight. When they were parted, John went home. Shortly after Thomas (the deceased) followed him and said he would be the death of John, or John should be the death of him. Thomas got a stick and attacked his brother, when they both fell to the ground, Thomas receiving a wound in the scalp in the scuffle. The deceased went to work the next day, and according to the medical evidence, he had received no fatal injury, but death was caused by erysipelas produced by exposure to the cold and from the effects of the wound. Verdict: "Justifiable homicide". **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 22 December 1870**

1877

Before Mr. Coroner Sylvester: At Fittleton on Henry Pratt, aged five years. Deceased was in bed in the morning, when his mother heard screams. She discovered that he had ignited his night-dress with a lucifer match, and was severely burnt. Verdict: "Accidental Death". **Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette Thursday 22 February 1877**