



# CORONERS INQUEST

*Fonthill Gifford*

## Henry Yeates

### Fatal Accident.

On Monday, March 18th, an inquest was held before Mr. R. M. Wilson, coroner, on the body of Henry Yeates, 22 years of age. The deceased was carter for Mr. Thomas Coombs, of Fonthill Bishop, and on Saturday, he was sent by his master to Tisbury railway station for 30 sacks of barley, with three horses and a wagon. Elizabeth Topp deposed to seeing the deceased in Tisbury, and he was then perfectly sober. She walked behind the wagon all the way through Fonthill Park, and, when within 50 yards of the lodge, she saw him jump upon the shafts, apparently to arrange some of the sacks, the horses still going on very steady.

In two minutes after, she saw him drop, and the two near wheels passed over him. She called for help, and obtained it from the lodge. He was not quite dead, but never spoke again, and Dr. Young, of Hindon, was immediately sent for, and promptly attended, but he found the deceased was quite dead. Mr. Young said death was caused by the spine being fractured, and the back part of the ribs being driven into the lungs. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

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