



# CORONERS INQUESTS



## **James Edward Aldridge**

Inquests taken before Mr. Whitmarsh

At Wolf Hall, in the parish of Great Bedwin, on the body of James Edward Aldridge, seven years of age. James Elkins stated that he was lock-keeper at the above place. A little past seven o'clock in the morning, as he was about to let the water off lock No 9 in the Kennett and Avon Canal for a barge to come in, he saw a hat floating and also a note. He made search, and with assistance, the body of deceased was taken out of the water. The little boy had come that morning with a note for the witness, and it appeared that whilst walking over the stage board, he had fallen accidentally into the lock. Verdict accordingly.

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