



CORONERS INQUESTS



Wishford Parish

Inquest into the death of Peter Smith, 1867

Wishford. Another child burnt to Death. An inquest was held by Mr M Wilson, on Wednesday, at Wishford, on the body of a child named Peter Smith aged three years and a half. It appeared that on the previous Monday morning, about half past ten, the mother of the deceased left him and a younger child by themselves, and went to the house of her father-in-law. She was absent about ten minutes and on her return, hearing them crying, she ran in and found the clothes of both of them on fire. With the assistance of a neighbour she put it out, and applied soaped rags to the burnt parts and then sent to Steeple Langford for Mr Stratton, the surgeon, who arrived about half past twelve. He found the deceased badly burnt about the chest, abdomen, back and neck; the burns extending over about two-fifths of the body. He dressed the wounds and gave him wine, but he died the same night, about nine o'clock. Verdict - Accidental death.

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