



# *Coroners Inquest Reports*

## *Hankerton*

### **Richard Collar**

An inquest was taken before Mr Whitmarsh at Hankerton, near Malmesbury, on the body of Richard Collar, 3½ years old. From the statement of Ruth Blizard, who lived in the same house, it appeared, that she had gone to a shop a few yards off, and for safety had taken with her the deceased, but he left her unawares and returned home. In a few minutes, she heard a scream, and upon going back, she found him with his clothes burning. Assistance was promptly afforded him, but on the following day, he died from the effects of the burns.

Verdict "Accidental".

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