



*CORONERS
INQUEST
Hilmarton*

Ernest and Emma Horsall, 1881

Sad death of two children. An inquest was held on Thursday last, on the bodies of Ernest and Emma Horsell, 9 and 10 years old, son and daughter of John Horsell, carter to Messrs. Robert and Samuel Stiles.

From the evidence taken it appears these unfortunate children went to a sand quarry to fetch some sand for household purposes, and, whilst in the act of digging it out, a quantity of earth fell upon them. Assistance was instantly at hand, but before they could be extricated life was extinct.

Dr. Bishop attended and stated his opinion as to cause of death. No bones were broken, but suffocation, in his opinion, was the immediate cause of death, by the weight of earth falling upon them.

After a brief deliberation, the jury returned a verdict to that effect

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