



CORONERS INQUESTS



James Haines

19th June 1914

Coroner: Mr. S. Buchanan Smith

Foreman of the Jury: Mr. H. J. Curtis

Mr. Haines was a very popular person in Salisbury and his occupation was Umbrella Mender.

His widow Hannah said her husband was 66 and they lived together at 4 Downside Cottages, Laverstock.

On Tuesday 2nd June he was laying down on the sofa with a board at the end to keep the draught out. She heard the board fall and found him sitting on the floor. So she helped him up. During his last few years he had been having fainting fits and was also deaf.

A week later he was removed to the Workhouse Infirmary.

Dr. Saunders was the doctor, but there was some debate about when he was summoned and when he actually arrived because of an issue with forms required by paupers..

Mr. P. T. Mussell, a juror, asked why the formalities of forms were not dispensed with in serious cases like this.

Dr. Luckham, Medical Officer of the Workhouse was informed by telephone that Haines had been admitted to the infirmary suffering from a fractured right hip, from which he subsequently died on Sunday morning. .He also said his age was a contributory to his death.

The verdict in accordance with medical evidence was returned.

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