



# CORONERS INQUESTS



## **Silas England**

10th June 1876

The inquest of Silas Henry England was held at the infirmary before the City Coroner, Mr G Smith.

Silas England had died on the Saturday from the effects of a haemorrhage.

Moses Biggs, house surgeon at the infirmary stated that the deceased was brought in at 9.00 that night and upon examination found him quite dead. His opinion was that death was due to haemorrhage from diseased lungs, judging from the blood which ran from his nose and mouth. Walking from Laverstock to Salisbury in the state in which he was, might have caused the haemorrhage.

Henry Diaper a brewer living at Laverstock said that he was on his way from Salisbury to home at about half past eight. He was opposite the Pound on Milford Hill when he saw Silas England throwing up blood. When asked if he was alright, he replied he would be alright in a minute or two and then sat on the ground. Mr Diaper tried to help him but he was still vomiting blood. Another gentleman came by and went for a cab which arrived shortly afterwards. They placed him in it and he was taken to the Infirmary.

George England his brother age 14 said he was with him on Saturday evening. He had been to Salisbury and as he was returning to Laverstock when he saw his brother coming into Salisbury. They met at the top of Milford Hill and when he asked him should he return to Salisbury with him he was told yes. They went into Salisbury and on their return, halfway up Milford Hill he threw up a quantity of blood. His brother then confirmed what had previously been told. He confirmed that his brother was 26 years old and had been ill for nearly 6 months.

Verdict – Visitation of God.