



CORONERS INQUESTS

Little Hinton



Inquest of Mrs Ann Warren 1867

SUDDEN DEATH

Deputy Coroner Dr Whitmarsh held an inquest at Little Hinton, on Friday, on the body of Mrs Warren, aged 77, who was found by the road side in a dying state. William Grant deposed to having found her lying by the road side (out of the way of any passing carriage) about four o'clock in the afternoon. She said "Oh, William, I feel very ill". He with the assistance of a policeman, helped her home. She was put in a chair and had some gin to drink. She revived somewhat, and after a little time walked up to bed. She laid down and soon went quietly off, about two hours after. Deceased's daughter said her mother walked over to Bishopstone in the course of the day and left in the afternoon to go home.

Dr Griffiths was sent for at night, but found that the woman had been dead two or three hours. He stated that he could not say the cause of death. He was requested to make a post mortem examination, when it was found that a blood vessel had given way and burst into the pericardium. This case shown the necessity of making examinations of the body, in cases of sudden death without violence, as without it, as in this case, no conclusion could possibly have been arrived at. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence.

"That deceased died from rupture of a blood vessel near the heart, brought on, probably, by exposure to the cold, combined with her advanced age."

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