



CORONERS INQUESTS

Little Hinton



Inquest of Jonathan Pound 1887

FOUND DROWNED

An inquest was held on the 22nd inst., at the Barrington Arms, Shrivenham, before L. Jotcham, Esq., on the body of Jonathan Pound, of Little Hinton, wheelwright and carpenter, aged 62 years. William Pound the youngest son of the deceased, stated that since last Christmas his father had been much depressed, and about a fortnight ago he rambled off and stopped out all night, ultimately being found at Ashbury. On that occasion deceased said he was too nervous to work that day. Witness saw his father last alive early the previous morning in the workshop, when witness left to go to Swindon, and he then seemed better than usual. Henry Williams, a lad, stated that on the afternoon previous he was walking by the canal, near Acorn Bridge, when he saw a hat in the water, and on touching it with his stick he saw the hair of a man's head. He ran and told a railway servant, who came and got deceased out of the water. Witness had been playing near the bridge for an hour and a half before seeing the hat, and had not heard any splash or noise. Frederick Lawrence said that about half past three on the afternoon mentioned he was called by the last witness. He went with him to the canal, and found the body of a man in the water, about a yard from the brickwork on the towing path. He got it out, and went for a policeman, who helped him to place it in a cart. There were no signs of a struggle on the bank, nor did the body bear any mark of violence. The hat of deceased was tightly fixed on his head when he was taken out of the water. The Coroner briefly summed up, expressing his sorrow at the sad event, and the Jury returned a verdict of "Found drowned".

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