

Ludgershall Inquests 1850 - 1870



- 1854 **JOHN LAY**
An inquest was held by Mr Wilson, on Wednesday last, at Ludgershall, on the body of John Lay who was found dead in his bed on the previous morning. Verdict Died by the Visitation of God
Salisbury and Winchester Journal 01 April 1854
- 1855 **THOMAS JEE**
An inquest was held at Ludgershall, on the 29th inst., on the body of Thomas Jee, who, whilst seated on a form in the skittle alley belonging to an inn at that place, dropped down dead without previous illness, and a verdict of 'Apoplexy' was recorded in accordance with the medical evidence.
Salisbury and Winchester Journal 04 August 1855
- 1867 **ROBERT DUDMAN**
An inquest was held by Mr R M Wilson, on Friday, on the body of Robert Dudman, a labourer, aged 52 years. On the previous day, about 9 O'clock in the morning, deceased was engaged with others digging potatoes, and was in the act of pushing his prong into the ground, when he was observed to suddenly fall down. One of the men procured a little brandy, but deceased could not swallow it, and he died in a few minutes. He had frequently complained of a pain in his chest and bowels and more particularly during this last harvest. The cause of death was attributed to the rupture of a large blood vessel near the heart. Verdict Visitation of God
Salisbury and Winchester Journal 05 October 1867
- 1860 **WILLIAM MUSPRATT**
An inquest was held by Mr Wilson, at Ludgershall, on Monday, on the body of William Muspratt, a child, aged two years, who was accidentally burnt from his clothes taking fire on the Friday morning previous, about ten o'clock. Verdict Accidental Death.
Salisbury and Winchester Journal 25 February 1860
- 1868 **JAMES PARSONS**
On Wednesday, at Ludgershall, Mr R M Wilson held an inquest on James Parsons, aged 58, who died suddenly at that place, on Monday night. From the evidence adduced, Mr T Pike, surgeon, attributed death to heart disease, to which effect a verdict was returned.
Salisbury and Winchester Journal 07 March 1868
- 1870 **HANNAH DOBBS**
An inquest was held by Mr Wilson at Ludgershall, on the 17th inst., on the body of Hannah Dobbs, aged 44, single woman. It appeared that on Monday, about three o'clock, the deceased (who had been attending on her mother, who was bedridden) was found lying dead on the floor between her own bed and that of her mother. Deceased had been ill for the last fortnight. Mr Helston, of Weyhill, surgeon, who was sent for, stated that he could not account for her death, but saw no reason to attribute it to any violence. Verdict Died by Visitation of God
Salisbury and Winchester Journal 19 February 1870
- JOHN PURDUE**
An inquest was held here on Wednesday, before Mr R M Wilson, coroner, concerning the death of John Purdue, who had died the previous evening from the effects of severe scalds received through falling into a copper containing hot liquor. The deceased, who was a bricklayer, was 38 years of age, and it appeared from the evidence that the poor fellow was assisting a man in the employ of Mr S Weeks, of the Brewery, emptying hops, and when about to throw in the third pail, he over-balanced himself and fell into the copper. He was taken out immediately, and Mr Pike, the surgeon, was sent for. The deceased continued quite sensible, and was enabled to explain how the accident occurred. Mr Helston, assistant to Mr Pike, said that he found the deceased almost pulseless and sinking fast, and he died in about seven hours after the accident from the effects of the severe scalds. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.
Salisbury and Winchester Journal 21 May 1870