



CORONERS INQUESTS

Melksham



1844

Inquest - By Mr George Sylvester , Esq, Feb 21st at Seend on the body of Anna Maria Freame, aged 8 years. The deceased was accidentally and seriously burnt several months since, by her clothes catching fire; she was attended professionally by Mr Kenrick of Melksham, who considered it advisable to send her to the Melksham union workhouse, where she remained for several weeks; but her health beginning to suffer, she returned to Seend, and shortly after died. Various reports were circulated that the deceased had experienced want of proper attention, implicating the character of the authorities of Melksham Union, which from the enquiry were proved to be totally groundless. Verdict – Accidentally Burnt, producing Emaciation and Death. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 7 March 1844**