



CORONERS INQUESTS



Inquest Report on Charles Coward

Drowned in a River

An inquest was held on Saturday last at the White Hart Inn, Mere before George Sylvester, Esq., on the body of Mr. Charles Coward aged 62, late landlord of the above Inn, who was found drowned in a river which runs through his garden. It appears that the deceased left his house between 2 and 3 o'clock with the purpose of cutting some weeds out of the river and it is supposed that while in the act of doing so, a stump of an old tree on which he was standing, gave way and he was precipitated into the water, and there being a quantity of mud, he seems to have been smothered before he could extricate himself.

The jury returned a verdict of: "Found Drowned."

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