



CORONERS INQUESTS



Inquest Report on David Long

An inquest was held by Mr. Wilson, at Mere, on the 26th inst., on the body of David Long, aged 46 years. From the evidence it appeared that the deceased had been ill and unable to work since September last, and had been attended by Mr. Rumsey of Mere. On Saturday about 10 o'clock an alarm was raised that Long had hung himself, and on a neighbour running into his house, he found him suspended by the neck with a cord to a beam in the room. He was immediately cut down but was quite dead.

Mr. Rumsey stated that he was not aware that deceased had any disease except a morbid state of the nervous system, and that he appeared to be in a depressed state, and to fancy that he was worse than he really was. Mr. Rumsey further said that he was of the opinion that at the time of his hanging himself, deceased was in an unsound state of mind, and a verdict to that effect was recorded.

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