



# CORONERS INQUESTS



## **Inquest Report on George Field**

On Thursday, an old man named George Field, razor grinder, was found suspended to a beam in a house at the back of his residence in Castle Street. He had been living alone for some time and was addicted to drink. On Wednesday evening last he went home, and it is supposed that he committed suicide soon after, as he was found about eight o'clock the next morning dead and quite stiff. A young man called at his house, and the door being unfastened, he went in and found him hanging, his feet slightly touched the ground. Dr. Marshall was called, and pronounced him to have been dead some hours.

On Friday an inquest was held before Mr. Wilson, when a verdict was returned to the effect that the deceased hung himself when in an unsound state of mind through excessive drinking.

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