



# CORONERS INQUESTS



## Inquest Report on William Coward

### Tragic Accident in a Quarry

On 11th May at Mere, an inquest was held by George Sylvester, Esq., on William Coward aged 65 years. The deceased was working in a stone quarry belonging to Mr. John Mitchell and was endeavouring to raise from its bed a stone of about half a ton weight, when three or four tons of stone and earth fell and nearly buried the deceased.

He died in a few minutes from the injuries received, having the clavicle and four ribs on the left side fractured and the lungs wounded with a compound fracture of both bones of the right leg. One of the fellow workmen of the deceased apprised him of the dangerous situation he was in which he unfortunately did not tend to.

Verdict: "Accidentally Killed."

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