



# *Coroner's Inquest Report*

## *Minety*

### **John Joachim**

On the previous Monday Mr Whitmarsh was summoned to hold an inquest at Minety, near Cricklade, on a child burnt to death. On his arrival he had some difficulty in ascertaining whether the house in which the accident happened, was in Wilts or Gloucester, the greater part of Minety forming a detached part of Gloucester. After some little time, he found that it was a few yards in the latter county. Notwithstanding this circumstance, Mr Whitmarsh was urged to hold the inquest, but considering that it was not only illegal, but that it would be encroaching upon the privilege of the Gloucester Coroner, he declined; and it would be well if all other coroners would act alike honourably towards each other.

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Inquest before J G Ball, Esq, Coroner, at Minety, on John Joachim, child who was accidentally burnt to death.

Verdict of accidental death was recorded.

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