



CORONERS INQUESTS



Britford

George Winter March 30th 1906

Coroner was Mr. R. A. Wilson and the inquest was held at the National Schoolroom.

The deceased was found on Sunday morning by Walter Kellaway of Britford who was going to milk the cows. He stated that he saw him lying on his back in the flooded meadows about 20 yards from the road. He touched the body and finding it cold, informed the Police.

P.C. Perry stationed at Harnham on receiving this information went to Britford. Upon examining the body he found no marks of violence. The only thing found in his pocket was an admission ticket to the Salisbury Workhouse. Other witnesses were called upon to inform of the previous few days prior to the deceased's death. And several remarked that he was accustomed to sleeping rough.

Alfred Thorne, porter at the Salisbury Workhouse said the deceased left the Workhouse on Thursday where he had been staying since January 4th. Mr. Hatch the guardian of Nomansland had bought him there.

James Winter of Nomansland and cousin of the deceased last saw him on Thursday evening when he gave him supper.

Frederick D. Trapnell, relieving officer of Downton saw the deceased on Saturday at about 2.30 p.m. when he applied for an order for The Workhouse. He was issued with an order, but upon being offered conveyance to get there he refused.

Charles Swanborough saw the deceased on Saturday evening sitting on the bank outside his cottage. He asked what he was doing and was informed he was going to the Workhouse. They walked together to the top of the hill where the witness left him. Although he was shaky, he walked alright.

A verdict was returned that 66 year old victim died due to exhaustion from exposure.

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