



Coroner's Inquest Report Oaksey

John Rogers

Inquest taken at Flintham Farm, in the parish of Oaksey, on the body of Mr John Rogers, 43 years of age.

Mr William Norton, a farmer, deposed that he lived near the residence of the deceased. On Saturday night last, about a quarter past eleven o'clock, as witness was returning home from Minety, and had gone through Eastcourt turnpike gate about 50 yards, he found the deceased lying dead in the middle of the road on his face. His hat was off a few yards before him, and there was a small stick by his side. The body of the deceased was removed to his residence close by, and the horse which deceased had been riding had made his way thither about the same time. It appeared that deceased had left Malmesbury the same night about nine o'clock, a distance of seven miles from his home.

Mr Jeston stated that he found, on examination of the body of deceased, a circular contused wound on the back of the head, a smaller one adjoining, which wounds were probably caused by falling off his horse on the hard road. This gentleman had previously attended deceased with disease of the brain, producing convulsive attacks, and was of opinion that deceased was seized with an epileptic fit, which led him to fall from his horse, and that having been found on his face, his death was hastened or caused from suffocation.

Verdict accordingly.

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