



Disastrous Fire 1771

Wednesday morning last, about eight o'clock, a fire broke out at Ogbourne St. Andrew, near this town, which entirely consumed three tenements occupied by William Hawkes, the Widow May, and Harry Lapper, together with their household furniture and wearing apparel, except two beds on which an infirm old man and woman were carried out of the flames, the latter of whom, it is reported, is since dead of the fright. The fire is supposed to have been occasioned by carrying some straw ashes out of one house into an adjoining hovel.

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