



CORONERS INQUESTS *Rowde*



Inquest of Rebecca & Sarah Dalley 1839

Inquests held before Mr Whitmarsh during the past week

At Rowde, on Monday last, on the bodies of Rebecca Dally, 20 years of age, and Sarah, her infant child, who were drowned in the Kennett and Avon canal, near this town. It appeared that Mrs. Dally, who, besides her baby, over which she was holding an umbrella, had a basket in her hand; and that having occasion to cross one of the locks, she slipt her foot and fell in. She must have been in the water about half an hour, when some boatmen coming up the canal, saw the umbrella and basket floating; and conceiving that an accident had happened, spoke to Mrs. Dally's uncle, who is one of the lock-keepers, and whom she passed a short time previous to the accident – merely observing “that it was a wet morning.” A search was made, and the bodies were soon found, but all efforts to restore animation were ineffectual. Verdict - *Accidental*

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