



CORONERS INQUESTS

Rowde



Inquest of John Snozzle 1871

On Wednesday an inquest was held before Mr G Sylvester at the Olive Branch Inn, Rowde, on the body of an old man named John Snozzle, a boatman of Seend, whose body was lying at the Lock House near the 14th lock from Devizes, on the Kennet and Avon Canal. It appeared that on Monday the deceased, with his son, was working a barge on the canal, and on reaching the above mentioned lock, the horse attached to the tow rope suddenly moved on, and deceased, getting "foul of the line," was thrown into the water. He rose to the surface however and caught hold of the gunwale of the barge, and in all probability would have saved himself had the craft not lurched to the port side at that moment, and crushed him against the brickwork of the lock, causing almost instantaneous death. The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death"

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