

Crime Reports

Salisbury

1700-1799



1730

Martha Gold of New Sarum and servant to farmer Noyes of this parish, buried the 23rd day of March 1730, who was shot dead on the spot by Edmond Mundy, of this parish because (as is supposed) she would not consent to have a criminal conversation¹ with him. **Ludgershall Parish Register, 23 March 1730**

Edmond Munday above mentioned as soon as he had committed said murder shot himself through the body and died instantly and was buried the same day at the end of windmill hill² whose grave is in a direct line with ye chalk pit and lower Collingbourne³ Church. **Ludgershall Parish Register, 23 March 1730**

1784

Wednesday night, about nine o'clock, as William Hayward, Salisbury carrier, was going from Bath to Holt, he was attacked between the firs at the entrance of Claverton Down, by a single footpad, armed with a cutlass, who took from him eighteen-pence in silver and some halfpence, and afterwards cut and beat him in such a barbarous manner as to endanger his life. **Hampshire Chronicle Monday 15 March 1784.**

¹ Adultery, especially as formerly constituting grounds for the recovery of legal damages by a husband from his wife's adulterous partner.

² Unconsecrated Ground

³ Collingbourne Ducis