



# CORONERS INQUESTS



*Seend*

## *Inquest of Mark Lasbury 1850*

Taken before George Sylvester, Esq, at Bradford, on Mark Lasbury, aged 9. The deceased accompanied William Allard from Bradford Leigh to Devizes Green Fair, on Saturday morning, as drovers. On their return, they entered the New Inn, at Seend, on the Devizes Road, where two men, unknown to Allard or the deceased, gave the latter a considerable quantity of beer, so as to intoxicate him. On leaving the New Inn & proceeding a short way, he fell down and being assisted by Allard proceeded to Woolley, and was desired to go home to Bradford. In the course of the evening, the deceased called twice at George Kempton's at Woolley to inquire his way home, and was informed, but was found on Sunday morning by Kempton near his house, lying on the ground quite insensible. He was taken into a house, and died two hours after. The surgeon was of the opinion that death had been produced by exhaustion, exposure and intemperance. Verdict accordingly.

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