



CORONERS INQUESTS



Seend

Inquest of Mary Ann Chivers 1857

Before George Sylvester, esq, at Seend, in the parish of Melksham, on Mary Ann Chivers, aged 75 years. Robert Cook deposed that he was a neighbour of the deceased who has been a widow for five years, and resided alone.

On Sunday Jan 25th she did not open her shutters as usual, and he entered the house by the front door which was not fastened, and discovered the deceased lying on the floor of the kitchen quite dead, with her clothes consumed. Preparation had been made for partaking of tea, and the kettle was on the coals in the grate. He found a smell of something burning the previous afternoon which he could not explain.

Verdict – Accidental Death.

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