



# CORONERS INQUESTS



*Seend*

## *Death & Inquest of Mrs. Richard 1874*

On Saturday last a report was circulated that Mrs Richard, a widow living in the forest, had committed suicide by hanging herself. The truth of the statement was soon confirmed. It appeared that the poor woman was seventy four years of age, and since the death of the husband, which occurred last year, her spirits at times were much depressed. Nothing particular was noticeable in her manner on Friday evening. A charwomen, employed by the deceased knocked at the door on Saturday morning, but receiving no response, concluded that she was asleep. On returning from Seend at mid-day she again knocked, then opened a window and sent in a boy, who after coming down from the bedroom began to scream. The neighbours burst open the door and saw the body hanging to a beam in a room formerly occupied as a weavers workshop. An inquest was held by F T Sylvester, Esq, Coroner, on Monday and a verdict of "Temporary insanity" was returned.

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