

The bridge over the river at Semington, scene of the accident (2012)

Caution to Nursemaids

On Friday week, a girl at Semington, about seven years of age, took an infant 14 months old, for a walk, and arriving at the bridge, put it on the wall, when it fell backwards into the river, and the water running impetuously it was carried down the stream and drowned.

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OPC Note:-

It's likely that this child was James Allen, died by accident, aged 13 months listed in the Parish Register of Burials