



CORONERS INQUESTS



Inquest of John House

At Stratton St Margaret, near Swindon, on the body of John HOUSE, 36 years of age.

The deceased was at work in company with Thomas ANSELL, on Tuesday afternoon last, between four and 5 o'clock, on the Great Western Railway, in Stratton cutting. As the up express from Exeter was coming along, they both got away according to Ansell's statement on the down line. He then went a few yards to get some small bolts, and on turning round he missed the deceased.

Having looked about, he found him one hundred and thirty yards off in a gutter, on the north side of the railway towards Shrivenham. His clothes were all torn to pieces, and his body was dreadfully injured, causing instantaneous death. Witness was of opinion that deceased had gone back to the up-line for the purpose of removing a bar which was leaning against a transom, thinking it might not be cleared by the train, thus causing the accident. The bar he found about thirty yards further on, and bent.

The driver of the train stopped on purpose at Shrivenham station, giving information of what had taken place, when superintendent and others immediately came to the spot.

Verdict – Accidentally killed.

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