



# CORONERS INQUESTS



## Inquest Reports 1850-1899

### 1852

Inquest at Stratton on the body of Ann Kirby, 46 years of age. The deceased was hay making in a field when she was suddenly taken ill, and having reached home, she became insensible and died from exposure to the sun. Verdict accordingly. **Salisbury & Winchester Journal, 17 July 1852**

On Friday, Mr. George Reynolds and his wife were on their way home from Swindon, when near the village of Stratton St. Margaret, one of the wheels of the gig in which they were travelling came off, and Mr. Reynolds and his wife were precipitated into the road, both receiving very severe injuries. **Unknown Newspaper 1852**

### 1854

Inquest at Stratton, on the body of John Hyde, 18 months old. The mother had gone to the parish to a shop, and during her absence deceased drank some boiling water from a kettle, which brought on inflammation, and caused his death a few hours afterwards. Verdict accordingly. **Devizes & Wiltshire Gazette, 2 April 1854**

### 1855

Inquest on body of William Wakefield, an aged man. It appeared in evidence the deceased called at a house on his way home from church, and whilst standing against the door leading into the street, he suddenly fell down and expired. Verdict, Visitation of god. **Salisbury & Winchester Journal, 4 August 1855**

### 1857

At Stratton, on the body of Alfred Pound, a mason, 36 years of age. Deceased left home after dinner to go to a house in the same parish, to give instructions to William Jewell, also a mason, where he was to work. This witness stated that the deceased was in attendance there ten minutes, appearing the same as usual, when he said, "Bill, catch me, I feel faint." On his sinking, witness caught him in a chair. He breathed heavily for a moment, and expired. Verdict, Visitation of God. **Devizes & Wiltshire Gazette, 26 February 1857**

### 1859

Before Mr. Whitmarsh At Stratton St. Margaret, on the body of Edward Yeates, 15 months old. Betsy Sellwood, of Hannington, stated that about half past 2 o'clock in the afternoon, as she was passing by the cottage of John Yeates, at Stratton, she saw some children crying, was told by one of them that deceased had fallen into the brook which runs at the bottom of the garden. On looking into the water she saw deceased floating, and on taking him out he was dead. The parents were from home at work. Verdict - Accidentally drowned. **Devizes & Wiltshire Gazette, 21 April 1859**

### 1860

Before Mr. W. B. Whitmarsh. At Stratton St. Margaret on the body of Henry Fisher, blacksmith, 37 years of age. Deceased went to bed in his usual health at 11 o'clock in the evening. Soon afterwards he became unwell,

and was a corpse in about 10 minutes. Verdict - Visitation of God. **Devizes & Wiltshire Gazette, 7 June 1860 & Swindon Advertiser & North Wilts Chronicle, 11 June 1860**

**1861**

At Stratton St. Margaret on the body of Eleanor Bizley, 8 months old. According to the mother's statement, she brought her infant downstairs in the morning, in its usual health, when she dressed and sat her up in the cradle. In the course of an hour she heard a noise like phlegm in her throat. She took the child in her arms, who became dark in the face, and died almost immediately afterwards from suffocation, produced by a spasm of the glottis. Verdict - Visitation of God. **Devizes & Wiltshire Gazette, 17 January 1861**