

CORONERS INQUESTS



Clement Rowland Daniells

Inquests taken before Mr. Coroner Sylvester

At the Warminster Cottage Hospital, on the body of Clement Rowland Daniells, aged 9 years. Deceased was employed by Mr. Frederick Pullen, a farmer at Upton Scudamore, and was attending to the anchor of a steam plough at work in a filed on the farm. His duty was to move a bar at the back of the machine when necessary, and to keep the wheels free from dirt. He was cautioned not to approach the front wheels of the anchor, when the plough was coming towards it, and the towing chain would be taut, but to clean them when the plough was proceeding from it and the chain slackened. It is conjectured that he disregarded this order, and in endeavouring to step over the chain when taut, became entangled in it and was drawn into the machine, where he was found by the man in charge of the plough, dreadfully injured, one foot being torn off above the ankle, and the thigh and abdomen much cut. He was removed by order of the surgeon to the above hospital, where he died shortly after, in a state of collapse. Verdict, "Accidentally Killed," the jury being unanimously of opinion that Frederick Pullen, the master, and Charles Daniells, the father of deceased, were highly censurable for allowing so young a boy to be engaged in so dangerous a work.

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