



Man Killed By Lightning

There has been one fatal result of the thunderstorms in the district. A man named Fredrick Butler well known in Warminster and Warminster district, where he had resided for many years, being struck by lightning on Friday afternoon at Netherhampton, near where he was employed.

Butler who was good cricketer, was employed by the South Wilts Cricket Club as groundsman at Bemerton. On Friday afternoon he left for the Race Plain to cut some turf in order to repair the cricket pitch. It seems that Butler and a man named Knight, started from Bemerton for the Race Plain at about 2 o'clock. As they approached the Racecourse by one of the lanes leading up from the Netherhampton Road, they noticed the storm coming fast and stopped under a clump of trees for shelter. They had only been there a short time when the lightning struck the two men and the tree under which they were standing. Butler appears to have been killed instantly and Knight was struck down and lay unconscious for some considerable time. On regaining consciousness, he discovered that his companion was dead and gave information in the village of Netherhampton.

PC Elkins of Harnham was sent for and the body was removed to The Victoria and Albert public house at Netherhampton. The left eyebrow and the left side of the moustache of the deceased was singed, but beyond this there were no marks on his body.

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