



CORONERS INQUESTS



Thomas Newth

Wootton Bassett Inquest

An inquest was held by Mr. Whitmarsh, respecting the death of Thomas Newth, a retired gamekeeper, 68 years of age. Thomas Farmer Smith, with whom deceased had been living since last February, stated that he has been suffering in his head accompanied with lowness of spirits. He went to bed on Monday evening between 8 and 9 o'clock; and the witness slept in an adjoining room. In five minutes after he heard deceased go downstairs, when he followed, and asked him what he wanted. He replied, "You go to be, I don't want to stop but a minute." Witness saw him upstairs, and went back to bed. In two minutes he heard deceased going down again, when he called him, and he returned to his room. Soon after witness heard a voice and on going in to see what was the matter, he found that deceased had got out of a window. Witness ran out of door, and it being moonlight he was enabled to follow him to an adjoining field and see him jump into a pit of water. He was taken out immediately, and walked back with assistance to his cottage. Mr. Cooper, surgeon, attended and administered the ordinary treatment; but he died a little before one the next morning. Verdict - "That the deceased died from heart disease, accelerated by jumping into a pit of water whilst under temporary derangement of mind."

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