



Northbrook, flowing through Worton & Marston

Found Drowned after Drinking Heavily

On Thursday last, a man named Tarrant was found drowned in a small stream of water between Worton and Marston, into which, there seems every reason to believe, he had fallen whilst labouring under the effects of liquor. It appears that for a long time past he had been working as a sawyer in the neighbourhood, but he left on the 1st instant, in order to see his wife, who was living at Marlborough (of which town he was a native). On the 3rd he returned, with the intention of proceeding to Westbury Leigh, where it would seem he had obtained a fresh job.

Having drank pretty freely, however, at Devizes, he paid a visit to the public-house at Potterne, which he left in a state of intoxication, and proceeded to Worton, where he also supplied himself. Refusing a bed at the inn, he then went off in the direction of his old lodgings at Marston, and was never seen again until found, on the Thursday week following, in the water.

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