



CORONERS INQUESTS *Wroughton*



Inquest into the death of a new born child

Mr Whitmarsh held an inquest on Tuesday in this parish, respecting the death of the new born male child of **Mary Ann Swatton**, a domestic servant. Mr Kenyon, surgeon, stated that on Sunday evening he was sent for to attend the mother, and on going to the house where she lived, he found her upstairs seated on her bed. Having suspicion of her case he spoke to her on the subject, but at first she denied being in the family way. At last she acknowledged what had taken place, stating that she had been confined between 11 and 12 o'clock on Friday night, and that the child was in her box. She then unlocked the same, when the child was proved to be full grown, without any marks of violence. He was unable to say whether the child was born alive or not. The want of proper assistance might have accelerated the death. The jury returned an open verdict.

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