



## Death from Burns Mary Cousins of Yatesbury

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**Mr. W.E.N. Browne**, district coroner, held an inquiry on Monday touching the death of **Mary Cousin**, aged 90 years, who died from the effects of burns. **Mr. George Cowing** was the foreman of the jury.- Mary Ellen Ruddle deposed that on Wednesday evening last, at about seven o'clock, she was passing the deceased's house when she heard cries, and on opening the door she saw the old woman sitting on the floor with her clothes on fire.

The smoke was so stifling she could not go into the house, and she called to a woman called **Lucas**, who came and picked the deceased up and put her on the bed. Witness went for some gin to wash **Mrs. Cousins** with. - **Jane Lucas** stated that she found the deceased sitting on the floor of her house with her clothes on fire. The deceased told **Mr. Hillier** that she was lighting the fire when the oil lamp ignited and set fire to her clothes.

The lamp was upset and there were marks of where the oil had been spilled on the floor. - **Dr. Newton Clare** deposed that on hearing of the accident he was called to see the deceased and found her suffering from burns about the body.

On the following Saturday she died from shock caused by the burns.-the jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence.

