



CORONERS INQUESTS



Inquest Report on Frederick Charlton

Crushed by his Cart

The following deplorable accident occurred on Tuesday week, which has deprived a wife and several children of their means of support. As Frederick Charlton of Zeals in Wilts was proceeding in company with many others to fetch coal from Radstock, his existence was thus suddenly terminated.

It is the custom of the carters on approaching the coal pits to put their horses to their utmost speed to see who can soonest get their cart laden and be the first to return. On this occasion there were several instances of furious driving and by some mismanagement, Charlton's cart came in such violent collision with one of the others so as to cause it to be thrown upon him. He lived but a few hours afterwards.

An inquest was held and a verdict returned accordingly.

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