



Coroner's Inquest Reports

Alderbury

1800-1849

1822

Mr. Whitmarsh held an Inquest at Alderbury, on Thursday last, on the body of George Beaumont, a young lad who, while driving some horses in a threshing machine in the said parish, imprudently sitting on one of the cross shafts, fell down and received a blow on his head which instantly deprived him of life, his skull being dreadfully shattered. A great portion of his brains was found on his hat and on the machine. The Jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death". **Salisbury and Winchester Journal Monday 21 January 1822**

1825

An inquest was held by Mr. Whitmarsh, on Friday morning, at Alderbury, on the body of an infant five months old, who was burnt to death the preceding day. The mother had left the child for only 5 minutes, whilst she went to a pump not many yards from her house; and on her return she found her child in flames; a surgeon was sent for, but the infant expired before his arrival. Verdict "Accidentally burnt to Death" **Salisbury and Winchester Journal Monday 19 December 1825**

1837

Mr. Whitmarsh also held an inquest, at Alderbury, on Saturday last, on the body of Abraham Bilstom, aged 74, who was on Friday morning last found dead in his bed. The jury being satisfied that deceased died of dropsy, with which disorder he had been for some time afflicted, returned a verdict accordingly. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal Monday 20 March 1837**

1838

And on Thursday, at Alderbury Union Workhouse, on the body of John Musselwhite, 80 years of age. Deceased was found, on the previous Tuesday evening, in the water-closet, in a dying state. medical assistance was immediately procured; but all in vain, deceased having died of apoplexy. Verdict accordingly. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal Monday 5 November 1838**