

## CORONERS INQUESTS



## **Inquest Report on William Baker**

## **Sudden Death**

An inquest was held here on Monday last, before R. M. Wilson, Esq., coroner on the body of William Baker, an old man aged 80. The deceased, it appeared, was a very hearty and strong man for his years. On Saturday last, about 11 o'clock in the forenoon, he was seen at work in his garden setting potatoes. On being called to dinner, however he was then found lying on the ground near a faggot pile, with his hat over his face, and appeared to be quite dead. He seemed to have sat down and not fallen. Mr. Waistcoat, surgeon, of Broad Chalk, attributed the deceased's death to apoplexy, caused by exposure to the sun, and a verdict of "Died by the visitation of God" was returned.

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