

CORONERS INQUESTS



Ann Parsons

Distressing Case

On Wednesday 22nd ult., Mr. R. M. Wilson, county coroner, held an inquest on the body of Mrs. Ann Parsons, wife of Mr. Joseph Parsons, a schoolmaster residing in this parish. The deceased, who was 43 years of age, had been very unwell ever since the birth of her last child, 10 months since, being occasionally delirious. On the morning of Saturday, 18th ult., while her husband left the room for a few minutes, deceased cut her throat with a razor. A medical man was at once sent for, but the poor woman died on the following Monday. The medical gentleman who attended deceased was of the opinion that death did not result solely from the effects of the wound in the throat, but was of the opinion that she died from disease of the lungs, and a verdict to that effect was returned. The funeral took place on Friday, and the infant child of the deceased having died shortly after the mother, was buried at the same time.

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