Coroners Bills
1752-1796

Chilton Foliat

County coroners were introduced in England in around 1194 once established other boroughs and liberties sought the right to have their own coroner. Often in Medieval times the coroner also assumed the role of the sheriff and his duties weren't limited to holding inquests on dead bodies although almost a full time post they were unpaid for the duties apart from those that were deemed murder of manslaughter when they would receive 13s. 4d. From the 24th June 1752 a law was passed allowing the coroner to claim £1 for every inquest they attended not held in a gaol and also to claim 9d per mile travel allowance from the place of residence. Inquests held in any gaol were performed at a rate totalling no more than £1. These costs were to be paid from the county rates. In cases of homicide the coroner also received the former fee of 13s. 4d. The coroners submitted their bills at the quarter session sittings for approval.

| Year | Date | Surname | Given Names | Coroner | | Details of Inquest | Place of Inquest | No. of Miles Travelled | Coroners Bill | | | Notes |
				Surname	Given Names				£	s	d	
1759	08-Oct	Bird	William	Clare	John	Killed by a horse	Chilton Foliat	24	1	18	0	
1763	16-Jan	Elgar	John	Clare	John	Killed in fighting with William Fowler; Manslaughter victim	Chilton Foliat	24	1	18	0	At Salisbury Assizes 5th March 1763 William was acquitted of John's murder on the indictment and of his manslaughter on the

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												inquest.
1767	28-Apr	Goddard	Daniel	Clare	John	With other labourers was taking down a stone wall, which was undermined too far and the upper part of it suddenly fell down upon him and crushed him to death	Chilton Foliat, Lodge	24	1	18	0	
1774	25-Aug	Kimbe	John	Clare	William	Found hanging to the limb of an oak tree; He hanged himself; Lunacy	Chilton Foliat, Soley	24	1	18	0	
1767	28-Apr	Spanly	Robert	Clare	John	With other labourers was taking down a stone wall, which was undermined too far and the upper part of it suddenly fell down upon him and crushed him to death	Chilton Foliat, Wheatsheaf Inn	1	1	0	9	
1760	03-Mar	Walters	Stephen	Clare	John	Killed by a kick of a horse	Chilton Foliat, Soley	25	1	18	9	