

Carriage accident in the Victorian Era. Public domain

Durrington Accidents

Miraculous Escape

On Thursday evening last, about 6 o'clock, **Mr** and **Mrs T. E. Fowle**, of Durrington House, were returning from Salisbury during the high wind that was then blowing, when just as they had got out of their carriage, two very large elm trees were torn up by the roots, and fell with a tremendous crash, completely filling up the coach-road, which they had passed only a few minutes before. The carriage was obliged to be left on the lawn all night, and the horses taken through the flower garden to the stable.

Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, 28th February, 1861

About seven o'clock on Saturday evening, Mr **Charles Kellow**, farmer of Durrington, was driving home from Salisbury, accompanied by Mr Parker, when just as they got to the railway arch at the upper end of Castle-street, the horse took fright at an approaching train, and ran the gig up a bank. Mr Kellow and his friend were thrown out, and the former had his ribs badly broken, but the latter was not much hurt. Immediately after the accident occurred Mr Kellow was conveyed by Mr Cane, to his house close by, and medical aid was soon procured. Mr Kellow we understand is progressing favourably. Mr Parker was enabled to return to Durrington on Saturday evening.

Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 15th December, 1866

On Sunday Morning as an aged man, named **Charles Smith**, who lives in this village, was walking in the direction of his son's house, the stick by which he was supporting himself slipped, and he fell to the ground and fractured his right thigh. He was conveyed to the Salisbury Infirmary.

Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 13th November, 1869

On Saturday last, as a workmen employed by Mr **Samuel Baker**, was applying some oil to a steam sawing machine the can touched the saw and caused it to fly out of his hand. It struck Mr Baker in the face and produced a wound under his left eye. He was taken to the Salisbury Infirmary.

Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 9th April 1870

On Monday last a man named **Edward Rose** was loading a cart with manure, when he fell from it and was crushed by the wheel of the vehicle, which fractured some of his ribs. The next day he was removed to the Salisbury Infirmary.

Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 3rd September, 1870