



CORONERS INQUESTS



Inquest Report on Mary Baker

An Inquest was held by Mr. R. M. Wilson, on Saturday last, on the body of Mary Baker, aged 77 years, wife of Robert Baker, labourer. From the evidence of the husband of the deceased, it appeared that on Wednesday last he left her sitting by the fire, and went out a few yards from his house. After he had been absent about 12 minutes, he heard a scream and on turning round, saw his wife in flames. The fire was put out as quickly as possible, but not before she was badly burnt. Mr. Rumsey, surgeon, happening to be in the village, was sent for and came at once and prescribed for her, but he was of opinion that it was a hopeless case. She did not regain sufficient consciousness to relate how it happened, and she died next morning from the effect of the shock to the system, occasioned by the burns. Verdict: "Accidental Death."

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