

Farmer from Knoyle Found Murdered

Mr. James Wigmore, snr., a respectable farmer at Knoyle, in this county, was found murdered on Thursday morning last, on the road between Stockbridge and Winchester, about a mile and a half from the former place.

He had been to Winchester with a load of cheese, for the Fair, and was returning on horseback on Wednesday evening, when it is supposed he was stopped by footpads, and that on his refusing to deliver his money, they fired at him, a ball having passed through his body, which, from its direction, was evidently fired by some person on foot. The body had lain some hours on the road, and was quite cold and stiff when discovered by a shepherd early in the morning. His horse was at a little distance in a field. The body was removed to Stockbridge, where an inquest was taken by the Coroner:

Verdict - Wilful murder by some person unknown. On Saturday the body was removed to Knoyle and buried there.

Mr Wigmore has left a widow and nine children to lament his fate.

There is yet no clue to discover the perpetrators of this deed.

They did not effect their purpose of robbery, as Mr. Wigmore's property was all found on him.

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