



CORONERS INQUESTS



Inquest on Robert Willoughby

Inquest taken by Mr. Whitmarsh

On Tuesday, at Highworth, on the body of Robert Willoughby, carpenter, 72 years of age. His master (Mr. Hill) deposed, that as he was in the timber yard he heard groans, and on looking into a saw pit he found deceased there bleeding from his head, having fallen against the wall. He was enabled to say that whilst looking for his compass his foot slipt, causing him to fall into the pit. He was assisted to his lodgings close by, and attended by Mr. Kennard, who found a severe scalp wound on the crown of his head, and two ribs broken, which, combined with the shock to the nervous system at his advanced age, led to his death in three days after the accident.

Verdict accordingly.

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