

Coroners Inquest Report

Inquest Report on Eliza Hall

Inquests taken before Mr. Whitmarsh

At Lacock, on the body of Eliza Hall, 2½ years old. It appears from the statement of Ann Sadd, that as she was walking on the road to Corsham, in the same parish, she heard the scream of a child. She followed the sound, which brought her to a cottage, where the deceased was found sitting on the garden path near the door, which was open, and the gate leading into the lane was fastened, for the purpose of preventing deceased from getting injured whilst the mother was absent. The condition of the deceased was most pitiable. The clothes were burnt off her body, and with the exception of one shoe she was quite naked, and died in the afternoon the same day.

Verdict - Accidental.

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