

CORONERS INQUESTS



Inquest of Charlotte Pope

On Friday (yesterday), an inquest was held in this village, before W. B. Whitmarsh, Esq., on the body of Miss Charlotte Pope, aged 87 years of age. It appeared from the evidence of Miss Elizabeth Cue, niece to the deceased, and who had been housekeeper to her for many years, that on Sunday morning last deceased did not feel well and in consequence remained in bed, complaining of pains in her chest. Soon after eleven o'clock she (witness) left the deceased for about ten minutes to do some necessary work about the house, and after laying the cloth for dinner, she called out to her aunt enquiring how she was, but getting no answer, she went to her and found her quite dead. She immediately sent for Dr. Fernie, of Stratton, who had attended her aunt in October last, but not since.

Mr. Fernie having given evidence as to the cause of deceased's death, the jury, of which Mr. Thomas Spackman was foreman, returned a verdict of "Death from natural causes".

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