



## Coroners Bills

1752-1796

### Aldbourne

County coroners were introduced in England in around 1194 once established other boroughs and liberties sought the right to have their own coroner. Often in Medieval times the coroner also assumed the role of the sheriff and his duties weren't limited to holding inquests on dead bodies although almost a full time post they were unpaid for the duties apart from those that were deemed murder or manslaughter when they would receive 13s. 4d. From the 24th June 1752 a law was passed allowing the coroner to claim £1 for every inquest they attended not held in a gaol and also to claim 9d per mile travel allowance from the place of residence. Inquests held in any gaol were performed at a rate totalling no more than £1. These costs were to be paid from the county rates. In cases of homicide the coroner also received the former fee of 13s. 4d. The coroners submitted their bills at the quarter session sittings for approval.

Year	Date	Surname	Given Names	Coroner		Details of Inquest	No. of Miles Travelled	Coroners Bill			Notes
				Surname	Given Names			£	s	d	
1772	21-Oct	Bacon	Mary	Clare	William	Aged under one; fell out of her mother's arms into a bucket wherein was some water, her mother Rebecca Bacon being asleep and not waking until a neighbouring woman came in and found the child dead; Accidental death	22	1	16	6	
1758	16-Jun	Barrett	Richard	Clare	John	Killed by a fall of a house	22	1	16	6	
1758	29-Jan	Chequeur	John	Clare	John	Died on 27th January; Threw himself into a well; lunacy	22	1	16	6	

1769	24-Feb	Hopgood	Edward	Clare	John	Aged about 8; Fell into a well and was drowned	22	1	16	6	
1756	29-Oct	Mitchel	William	Clare	John	Accidental Death	22	1	16	6	
1769	12-Mar	Newth	Edward	Clare	John	Hanged himself; lunacy	22	1	16	6	
1759	29-Jun	Symkins	Ann	Clare	John	Hanged herself; lunacy	22	1	16	6	