



Coroners Bills

1752-1796

Baydon

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 of 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	
1769	27-Aug	Armon	John	Clare	John	Found dead in Mundy's Field; no marks of violence; Apoplexy	24	1	18	0	
1759	02-Jun	Chandler	Diana	Clare	John	Cut her throat; lunacy	24	1	18	0	
1769	04-Aug	Jackson	Mary	Clare	John	Died on 2nd August; had been disordered in her senses for 10 months or upwards; Hanged herself; lunacy	24	1	18	0	
1772	13-	Prior	Richard	Clare	William	Fell to the ground and a stage waggon passed over his	24	2	16	0	

	Nov					body and limbs, of which he languished and died; the jurors could not agree on the deodand, so adjourned to 20th November					
1774	23-May	Tuck	Sarah	Clare	William	Threw herself into a well at Bailey Hill Farm and killed herself; lunacy	25	1	18	9	