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Ann Strawbridge Hanged for Murder

On 5th June 1767, County Coroner, John Clare conducted an inquest into the death of a female infant. The child had been born alive to Ann Strawbridge of Bradford-on-Avon, a single woman. It is believed shortly after the birth the mother threw the child into a bed of stinging nettles where the child lay for a few hours finally dying of the stings received to its small body.

According to a report in the Salisbury & Winchester Gazette of Monday, 29th June Ann Strawbridge was detained at Fisherton County Gaol to await trial on the indictment of murder.

Ann Strawbridge was convicted of Murder on 1st August 1767 at Salisbury Assizes and was sentenced to be held at the County Gaol, Fisherton until she would receive the death penalty.

Ann was hanged at Salisbury on Friday 7th August 1767.