



CORONERS INQUEST



REPORTS

Inquest on John Burgess

Before Mr Whitmarsh at Bremhill on the body of John Burgess 19 years of age, and who belonged to the Wiltshire Militia.

His mother stated that her son returned home from Myrther Tydwille, [Merthyr Tydfil] in Wales, late in the afternoon of Thursday last, when he appeared in his usual health. On taking tea he ate three rounds of bread and butter and for supper he consumed a main quantity of greens and potatoes. Between 4 and 5 o'clock the next morning she heard a noise from his bedroom, and upon going to him he was insensible and groaning, and died in a quarter of an hour afterwards. Verdict – That John Burgess died of apoplexy brought on by eating too hearty a tea and supper.

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