



Coroners Bills

1752-1796

Burbage

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	Place of Inquest	No. of Miles Travelled	Coroners Bill			Notes
				Surname	Given Names				£	s	d	
1774	28-Aug	Gale	Thomas	Clare	William	Fell from the top of a house at Tidcombe and was instantly killed	Burbage	19	1	14	3	At Salisbury Assizes on 8th March 1755, Ann was acquitted of the child's murder
1766	16-Apr	Nutly	John	Clare	John	Was at plough in a field near Burbage when the horses	Burbage	18	1	13	6	

						took fright, ran away, threw him to the ground, ran over him, and killed him; Accident						
1772	09-Sep	Webb	Robert	Clare	William	Found drowned in a tub of water in his house	Burbage, Westcourt	18	1	13	6	