



People News

Castle Combe

DEATH OF A MISER

Mr Whitmarsh last week held an inquest at Castle Combe upon the body of a man named Wm Young, 73 years of age. Not being seen in the morning, as usual, a neighbour named Edward Smith got a ladder, and on looking through the window of the old man's bedroom saw him lying on his bed. He immediately broke open the door, and on going up stairs, found him dead. He appeared to have died, whilst in the act of getting up, from apoplexy, and a verdict was returned to that effect. Young it appeared, had some time since pleaded before the board of guardians, with tears in his eyes, his utter inability to maintain his three children; and, in consequence, they were taken to the Chippenham union, where they were found to be in a wretched condition for want of food. At the inquest, on examination by the coroner and his bailiff, the following property was discovered in his cottage:- In gold £131; silver, 6s.6d.; copper 6d.; mortgage deed, &c., for £50; conveyance of two freehold cottages about the value of £100; household goods including two flitches of bacon, £20. He was also in possession of three acres of growing crops, -- Bath Journal

Police Intelligence, The Bristol Mercury (Bristol England). Saturday, May 5 1849; Issue 3085.