



Coroners Inquest Reports

Castle Eaton

1844

Castle Eaton – W B Whitmarsh, esq, held an inquest here on Friday last on the body of Mary Ann Gibbs, aged eleven months, daughter of Frederick Gibbs, groom. The mother is schoolmistress of the charity school, and left the child in the care of a girl at about two o'clock, comparatively in good health, and went into the schoolroom; about an hour after which the girl in care of the child went to the mother and informed her that the child was dead. It appearing from the evidence that the child died suddenly, the jury returned a verdict of "Visitation of God." **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 11 January 1844**

1846

Before W B Whitmarsh, Esq. --- At Castle Eaton near Cricklade, on the body of Susanna Bradfield , 61 years of age; who having gone up stairs in her usual health to a sick daughter, dropped dead on the floor. - Verdict Visitation of God. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 9 July 1846**

Before W B Whitmarsh, Esq. --- At Eisey near Cricklade, on the body of Bernard Bowman, 22 years of age, who was found drowned in the Thames Canal. It appeared that the deceased had accidentally fallen into the water from the darkness of the night on his way from Cricklade to Castle Eaton, and a verdict was returned accordingly. **Reading Mercury Saturday 3 October 1846**

Before W B Whitmarsh, Esq. --- At Castle Eaton near Cricklade, on the body of Rose Hannah Newman, fifteen months old, who was left under the care of an elder sister, whilst the mother was at work in a field, when the clothes of the deceased caught fire, and caused her death the next day. Verdict – Accidental. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal Saturday 24 October 1846**

We are sorry to have to announce the melancholy death of the Rev Thomas Bullock, rector of Castle Eaton, and vicar of Chiseldon. It appears that about 10 o'clock on Thursday night last, as he was driving near the Swindon station, the horse suddenly jumped round, by which Mr Bullock and his servant were both thrown out, and the former gentleman was killed on the spot. The servant escaped with some slight bruises. The rev gentleman was about 46 years of age and has left a widow and seven children. **Yorkshire Gazette Saturday 14 November 1846**

1847

Before W B Whitmarsh, Esq. --- At Castle Eaton, near Cricklade, on the body of Richard Turner, 77 years of age. Deceased had just come in from a field, and having sat down in his chair a few minutes, he said to his wife, "Mother, what's the matter with me?" He had scarcely uttered these words when he suddenly fell forward, and instantly expired, in the arms of his wife! Verdict – Visitation of God.

Reading Mercury Saturday 6 March 1847

Inquest --- Before W B Whitmarsh, Esq. --- At Castle Eaton on the body of William Truman, 36 years of age. From the statement of his father they were at work in building a house, and deceased was on the top of a wall 22 feet high; that whilst endeavouring to remove a ladder he fell down on a heap of stones, and was taken up much injured. A medical gentleman passing by at the time attended him, but he died in two days afterwards from a concussion of the spine. Verdict – Accidental. **Devizes and Wiltshire**

Gazette Thursday 10 June 1847