



# CORONERS INQUESTS



## Hannah Kettlewell

Inquests taken before Mr. Whitmarsh

At Chirton, on the body of Hannah Kettlewell, single woman, and about 30 years of age. It appeared from the evidence that the deceased had been taken very unwell, when Mr. Ives, surgeon, of Market Lavington, being in the parish, was called in to see her. This gentleman stated that she deceived him as to her real state, and he was lead to believe she was labouring under English cholera, and prescribed accordingly. George Kettlewell, her brother, deposed that he went upstairs soon afterwards to give deceased a rushlight, when he found her dead in bed and alone.

The neighbours laid out the body of deceased in the evening of the same day, when on removing the bedclothes they discovered a babe apparently of three months, of which she had been prematurely confined, wrapped up in an apron.

The jury returned their verdict in accordance with the evidence of the medical gentleman, "Died from Natural Causes."

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