



Coroners Bills

1752-1796

Chiseldon

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 of 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	
1753	31-Jul	Berry	Francis	Clare	John	Killed by a fall from a load of thorns	Chiseldon	18	1	13	6	
1774	19-May	Gibbs	John	Clare	William	Killed in the tower by the 7th bell falling with great force on his body	Chiseldon	10	1	7	6	
1767	28-Apr	Jordan		Clare	John	Male infant, which Elizabeth Jordan of Clyffe Pypard, single woman, being suddenly taken in	Chiseldon	20	1	15	0	

						labour while travelling from Marlborough to Chiseldon, by herself brought forth alive under a hedge and which afterwards died with the cold for want of assistance and proper necessaries; Natural Death						
1755	17-Sep	Looker	Thomas	Clare	John	Killed by a waggon going over his head	Chiseldon	18	1	13	6	
1756	25-Apr	Osman	John	Clare	John	Accidental Death	Chiseldon	18	1	13	6	
1773	05-Sep	Painting	John	Clare	William	By undermining in a quarry had a quantity of chalk-stone fall in on him and was killed	Chiseldon	19	1	14	3	
1763	22-Feb	Sharp	Henry	Clare	John	Found dead in Hodson Field; No marks of violence	Chiseldon	20	1	15	0	
1774	01-May	Terrem	William	Clare	William	Received a violent kick from a gelding belonging to Farmer Seymor of Burderop and was instantly killed	Chiseldon	20	1	15	0	
1769	24-Feb	Unknown	Unknown	Clare	John	A man unknown; found dead in the open field; no marks of violence; he died travelling along the road; Accidental death	Chiseldon	20	1	15	0	
1773	01-Oct	Unknown	Unknown	Clare	William	From poverty and the severe weather	Chiseldon	19	1	14	3	