

Inquest - Unknown Man 1850



An inquest was held by Mr Wilson, yesterday, at the Cross Keys Inn, Chute, on the body of a man apparently about 60 years of age, who was found dead in a ploughed field near a hay rick, in Chute Forest, on Tuesday afternoon previous.

From the appearance presented by his clothes, and by the ground where he was lying, it was supposed that he had struggled violently as if in a fit, but there were no marks of violence on his body.

It appeared from the evidence that he had been seen in the neighbourhood for some few days previously.

He was dressed in a new shirt and a complete suit of new black velveteen clothes; his hat, shoes and stockings being old. There was no money in his pockets or anything which would lead to a discovery of his name or situation in life.

It was stated that he had said to some person, he had been at sea, and on his right arm was discovered blue marks similar to those with which sailors frequently mark themselves. His hair and whiskers were quite gray.

An idea prevailed that he was not in his right mind and had died in a fit during the cold and rain of Monday night.

Verdict: Found dead

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