



Coroners Bills

1752-1796

Clyffe Pypard

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	
1796	20-Feb	Alexander	Susannah	Clare	William	Her death was suspected as to have been caused by Jane Brown and Alice, her daughter, to whose house she was taken by order of vestry a few days before, but a very minute inquiry found it was not so; Verdict: illness caused by former neglect, bodily vermin and other disorders	Clyffe Pypard	15	1	11	3	
1785	13-May	Ferris	William	Clare	William	Found dead in Stanmore Field in Clyffe Pypard; No marks of violence	Yatesbury	8	1	6	0	
1767	28-	Jordan	Unknown	Clare	John	A male infant, which Elizabeth Jordan of	Chiseldon	20	1	15	0	

	Apr					Clyffe Pypard, single woman, being suddenly taken in 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; Verdict: Natural Death						
1796	22-May	Martin	William	Clare	William	Found dead there, having the day and evening preceding been at his usual work as a labourer	Clyffe Pypard, Bupton Marsh	16	1	12	0	
1788	16-Jun	Richens	Unknown	Clare	William	A female infant bastard, born of Ann Richens; After a very strict inquiry it was found that if the infant did receive any injury from the mother it was accidentally.	Clyffe Pypard, Woodhill Park	15	1	11	3	
1783	15-Apr	Shearer	Humphrey	Clare	William	Victim was from Clyffe Pypard; A miserable object, always lying and wandering about, sadly infested with vermin and diseased was found dead in a barn	Uffcott, Broad Hinton	17	1	12	9	
1784	08-Aug	Spackman	Thomas	Clare	William	Aged under 9; Killed by the kick of a colt.	Little Hell or the Barton. Clyffe Pypard	17	1	12	9	
1757	25-Dec	Stephens	George	Clare	John	Found dead in a field in Clyffe Pypard; no marks of violence; Accidental Death	Clyffe Pypard, Thornhill	14	1	10	6	
1775	08-Apr	Trotman	Edward	Clare	William	Instantly killed by the overturning of a waggon	Clyffe Pypard	14	1	10	6	