



SOUTH WILTSHIRE CORONER'S INQUESTS



Codford

Newspaper Reports

Infant Child 13th June, 1811

On Thursday Mr Whitmarsh, one of the Coroners for this county, took an inquest at Wilton, on the body of an infant which was brought to him dead in the arms of its mother, the wife of a sailor. It appeared that the parties were travelling from Bristol towards London, and had slept at the George Inn, Codford, where the child was seized with convulsions and expired. – The distressed parents were very humanely treated at the Inn; but from some misapprehension, instead of being advised to stay till the Coroner could be called in, they were hurried away, with a present of two shillings, to proceed on their journey, the woman carrying the corpse of her child. They shortly after met a gentleman, who commiserated their situation, and made them a small present, but still they were urged to proceed, until their arrival at Wilton, when, from the infant having died in convulsions, and the heat of the weather, the wretched mother was compelled to beg that she might be relieved from her burthen, and accidentally called at Mr Whitmarsh's for that purpose.

The Jury having given the verdict, - *Died by the Visitation of God*, the body was interred in Wilton Church-yard.

(*Salisbury and Winchester Journal*, 17th June, 1811)