



SOUTH WILTSHIRE CORONER'S INQUESTS



Codford

Newspaper Reports

James Jukes or Dukes 27th January, 1861

SUICIDE. – We are sorry to record a most determined case of suicide, which occurred here on Sunday last, during afternoon service. James Jukes, or Dukes, said to be under 30 years of age, a single man a native of Knoyle, but who has been working at Codford some few months, and lodged at James Dear's, while Dear and his wife were at church, entered an old barn at the back of the place and shot himself through the head; death must have been instantaneous. No cause can be assigned for this melancholy act. George Sylvester, Esq., held an inquest at the George Inn, on Tuesday, when a verdict of "Temporary insanity" was returned.

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