



SOUTH WILTSHIRE CORONER'S INQUESTS



Codford

Newspaper Reports

Miss Sophia Harriett Ravenhill 18th September, 1863

Death of Miss Ravenhill. -

Great grief has been caused in the family of Mr Ravenhill, of Ashton Gifford House, by the sudden death of Miss Sophia Harriett Ravenhill. At an inquest held before Mr Sylvester on Friday, Frederick George Ravenhill, Captain of the Royal Horse Artillery, deposed that on Thursday last his sister went to Codford to visit some poor persons, and played for some time on the organ at the church; and that on her return home, she was sitting in the drawing-room, when, felling faint, she slid off the chair to the floor. She was placed on her bed and died in a few minutes. She had made no previous complaint whatever of illness. Mr Bleock, surgeon, of Warminster, said he had attended the deceased a year and a half since for rheumatic attack; and that in his opinion death was caused by fatal syncope, arising from the incapability of a weak and relaxed heart to continue its action.

Verdict – *Visitation of God*

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