



# SOUTH WILTSHIRE CORONER'S INQUESTS



## Codford

### Newspaper Reports

**Mrs Sarah Topp 4<sup>th</sup> June, 1866**

#### **SUDDEN DEATH AT THE RAILWAY STATION. -**

On Monday evening, Mrs Sarah Topp, an old lady aged 72, who was returning to Codford from a visit in Westbury, fell down dead at the station. She died from palpitation of the heart, brought on by the excitement and hurry of walking to catch the train. Dr Bagshawe, of Connaught-square, London, who was present, at once rendered assistance, but to no avail, and he kindly delayed his journey till he had placed the corpse in the care of a medical man in the town.

An inquest was held on Tuesday, and a verdict of "Died by the visitation of God" was returned.

*(Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 9<sup>th</sup> June, 1866)*