



# SOUTH WILTSHIRE CORONER'S INQUESTS



## Codford

### Newspaper Reports

**William Potticary    6<sup>th</sup> October, 1855**

INQUESTS BEFORE G. SYLVESTER, ESQ. – At Warminster, on the body of William Potticary, aged fourteen years. The deceased belonged to Sherrington, and had attended the Wilton fair, where he is reported to have received a contusion in the eye from a squib. Some days after, he was found in an orchard of Mr Chapman's, at Codford, in an insensible state, and was conveyed to the union workhouse, and died in two days. The surgeon was of opinion that erysipelas arose from the injury of the eye. Affecting the external part of the head and the membranes of the brain, and this was rendered fatal by exposure and destitution.

Verdict, "Accidental death."

*(Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 6<sup>th</sup> October, 1855)*

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(\*Squib – miniature explosive device, resembling a tiny stick of dynamite)