



SOUTH WILTSHIRE
CORONER'S INQUESTS



Compton Chamberlayne
Newspaper Reports

John Fry 17th February, 1845

Insanity

An inquest was held by Mr Wilson, at Compton Chamberlaine, on the 17th inst., on the body of John Fry, who was found suspended on the previous night to some brushwood at no great distance from his own dwelling-house. From the evidence it appeared clear, that the deceased had been for some years past at times afflicted with insanity, and that he had been in a very depressed state for six weeks before, but was thought to be recovering. On that night, however, he got out of bed, and escaped into the adjoining fields, where he was followed by his wife, his son, and a neighbor, but who were too late to prevent his self-destruction.

Verdict, "Insanity."

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