



Coroners Bills

1752-1796

Cricklade

County coroners were introduced in England in around 1194 once established other boroughs and liberties sought the right to have their own coroner. Often in Medieval times the coroner also assumed the role of the sheriff and his duties weren't limited to holding inquests on dead bodies although almost a full time post they were unpaid for the duties apart from those that were deemed murder or manslaughter when they would receive 13s. 4d. From the 24th June 1752 a law was passed allowing the coroner to claim £1 for every inquest they attended not held in a gaol and also to claim 9d per mile travel allowance from the place of residence. Inquests held in any gaol were performed at a rate totalling no more than £1. These costs were to be paid from the county rates. In cases of homicide the coroner also received the former fee of 13s. 4d. The coroners submitted their bills at the quarter session sittings for approval.

Year	Date	Surname	Given Names	Coroner		Details of Inquest	No. of Miles Travelled	Coroners Bill			Notes
				Surname	Given Names			£	s	d	
1756	02-Apr	Dunn	John	Clare	John	Found dead in Southam Field in Latton; Apoplexy	25	1	18	9	
1764	24-Mar	Fitchew	John	Clare	John	Threw himself into a pond and was drowned; lunacy	25	1	18	9	St. Sampson; Bill amended from £1 19s. 9d.
1765	07-Jun	Kilmaster	William	Clare	John	Fell into the Isis and was drowned	25	1	18	9	St. Sampson

1753	19-Dec	Mills	Mary	Clare	John	Fell into a brook and was drowned	25	1	18	9	Bournelake
1769	28-Feb	Smith	William	Clare	John	Riding up the Dance somewhat in liquor fell from the horse into the river and was drowned	25	1	18	9	St. Sampson
1754	07-Apr	Snell	Mary	Clare	John	Fell into a pond and was drowned	23	1	17	3	
1755	15-Apr	Wilson	David	Clare	John	Accidently drowned in the Isis	25	1	18	9	