



# SOUTH WILTSHIRE CORONER'S INQUESTS



## Dinton

### Newspaper Reports

**Elizabeth Yates      10<sup>th</sup> February, 1812**

On Monday Mr Whitmarsh, one of the Coroners of this county, took an inquest at Dinton, on the body of Elizabeth Yates, a child five years old, who in the temporary absence of her mother lighted a furze faggot and set fire to her clothes: a brother of the child, about seven years old, endeavoured to relieve the distress of his sister, but unfortunately adopted a wrong step for the purpose: seizing the bellows, he attempted to blow out the flames and thereby made them burn the fiercer. In the end the poor child was so much burnt that she expired shortly after.

Verdict, *Accidental Death*

(*Salisbury and Winchester Journal*, 17<sup>th</sup> February, 1812)