



Coroners Bills 1752-1796

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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 of 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	
1773	13-Aug	Bennett	Ann	Clare	William	Who just before her death, accused Robert Goulding of Down Ampney, Gloucestershire of ill-treating and assaulting her, with the intention of ravishing her, and also of causing her death; On discretion and inspection of her body, the lungs appeared in a preternatural stat, full of putrid tubercles which could not result from any external injury; She died of abscesses and tubercles of the lungs	25	1	18	9	
1769	11-Jul	Harvey	John	Clare	John	Aged about 3; Fell into a river and was drowned	27	2	0	3	