



# CORONERS INQUESTS



## *Wishford Parish*

### **Inquest into the death of Thomas Simper 1823**

An inquest was on Tuesday last held at Wishford, by R. P. Whitmarsh, esq., on the body of Thomas Simper who hung himself in his bedroom the preceding day. It appeared that the deceased had not been up stairs five minutes before his daughter in-law went to call him, who, on entering his room, found him sitting on the bed with a cord round his neck, fastened to the bedpost. She cried violently for help, and in a moment one of the deceased's sons ran into the room and cut his father down. Every means were used to restore animation, but life was entirely extinct. The poor fellow had for some time been in a low desponding state, and had often threatened to commit the deed. Verdict - Lunacy.

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