



## **Inquest Report on Emma Marsh**

### **Inquests before Mr. Coroner Sylvester:**

At Horningsham, on Emma Marsh, aged 9 years. The mother of the deceased left home in the morning to collect wood and desired her to remain on the bed with a younger child until she returned; in the interim, the deceased came down, dressed in her chemise and a muslin frock only, and in attempting to light the fire her frock became ignited. She ran to a neighbour, and every vestige of her clothing was consumed. She died eleven hours after from the extensive injuries inflicted.

Verdict, "Accidental Death."

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