



Typhus in Horningsham

1853, Quarterly Report from the Registrar General

Period of the three months ending March, 1853...

A fever, nearly as fatal the Croydon fever, broke out at Longbridge Deverill during above period, where the deaths in three months, without including those in other parts of the sub-district), were 27. The following is the quarterly return to the Registrar General:

Longbridge Deverill. Births 20; Deaths 56. The deaths are much above the average, and exceed those of any quarter since March 1844. In 1847, which furnishes the nearest approach to the last quarter, the deaths in the corresponding quarter were 37.

Typhus, which has been in Longbridge Deverill ever since August 1852, broke out there in a most virulent form at the beginning of year. Annexed are the deaths from that disease since January last in **Longbridge Deverill** (exclusive of other parts of the sub-district) :

8th Feb., William Cooper, aged 17, typhus, 14 days;

18th Feb., Thomas Cooper, aged 11 years, typhus, 8 days;

27th Feb, Jane Cooper, aged 30 years, typhus, 12 days;

1st March, Luke Cooper, aged 20 years, typhus, 7 days;

10th March, Charles Cooper, aged 27, typhus, 10 days ;

8th March, Charlotte Anne White, aged 8 years, typhus, 3 weeks;

11th March, Thomas White, aged 19 years, typhus, 5 weeks, bronchitis 1 week.

In Horningsham

22nd Feb., Martha Adlam, aged 24 years, typhus, 5 weeks;

25th Feb., Fred. Wilkins, aged 18 years, delirium tremens from excitement in militia training.

Malignant, typhus, which was confined to space not exceeding 100 yards, was very distressing, even to those who only witnessed the sad effects of it. A vestry meeting was called of the inhabitants, and a fever house taken; iron bedsteads, bedding and nurses were provided, and a patient was removed there and died. But the disease subsided at the beginning of March, and no fresh case since. At one period 5 persons were ill at the same time in one house. The number of deaths from all causes at Longbridge Deverill alone was 27 in the quarter, being as many as in the whole of the previous year, and almost amounting to the yearly average of 1845-52.

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