



# CORONERS INQUESTS

*Laycock*



## **William Coombs**

Inquests taken before Mr. W. R. Whitmarsh

At Laycock, on the body of William Coombs, 6 years of age. It appeared that the mother was a widow, who resides in Bristol, and deceased had been staying with his aunt, at Laycock, for several months past; she stated that her nephew had been well all along with the exception lately of a cold; she left home, between 10 and 11 o'clock in the morning, to go with deceased to Mr. Pritchard, surgeon, of the same parish, and on coming to Raybridge, the cough came on, and as her sister lived close by, she took him into her house; her nephew then became worse, and died there in ten minutes afterwards. It was the opinion of Mr. Pritchard that the deceased had died from suffocation, occasioned by a fit of coughing, and a verdict was returned to that effect.

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