



# CORONERS INQUESTS



**Frank Edgington**

**23rd February 1894**

Coroner was R. A. Wilson

The deceased lived at 94 Salt Lane, Laverstock and worked for the Laverstock House Asylum as an under gardener.

He was found drowned in a tank at the top of Laverstock House by John Collins on Sunday, after having been missing since Thursday morning. He was found fully clothed and lying face down in the water. Collins also said that the deceased had been acting strange and told him family life was not happy.

Henry Wingrove another gardener said the deceased had worked at Laverstock House for many years. He said he was subject to fits and he used to forget things. He too said that there was an unhappy situation at home.

Mary Ann Edginton, the deceased's wife said her husband was only 44. She last saw him at 7.30 on the Thursday. She said there was no truth in an unhappy family life, but that they had had a disagreement on the previous Saturday. She said he also suffered fits and had heart disease.

Henry John Manning medical superintendent at Laverstock House said the deceased mind had been unhinged and he had had prolonged fainting fits.

The jury returned a verdict that he had drowned, but that there was no evidence to show whether it was an accident or self-inflicted.

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