



CORONERS INQUESTS

Melksham



Inquest of William Revell 1883

An inquest was held by Mr Coroner Sylvester at the Melksham Cottage Hospital on Saturday last, on the body of William Revell, a farm labourer aged 40 years, who had been in the employ of Mr James Pocock of Seend.

On the previous Wednesday deceased ascended a walnut tree for the purpose of beating off the nuts with a stick, his brother and Mr Pocock being similarly engaged. After being at work for half an hour, deceased suddenly fell to the ground a distance of 30 feet, a decaying branch falling with him on which he was probably standing. By the surgeon's request he was removed to the hospital, suffering from concussion of the brain, also a fracture of both thighs and one arm. Shortly after he became comatose, and succumbed to the injuries early on the following Friday morning.

Verdict – Accidental death.

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