



CORONERS INQUESTS



Milford

Samuel Coombes: February 1883

An inquest was held at the Salisbury Infirmary on Samuel Coombes. He was a porter at Milford Goods Station and was employed by the South Western Railway company.

His death was the result of injuries received by a crane breaking.

The company's agent Mr Edward Knight stated that on the 13th February, that he and six porters were removing iron railings, which needed repairing, from a broken-down goods truck with a crane. Samuel was one of the porters.

They were putting the rails back on the truck again, on which the rails had been partially resting from 12-4 and which were then entirely suspended, when the shaft of the crane broke.

Samuel was standing by the centre of the metals under the crane. He was warned to move four times, but he did not move. As the crane broke a portion struck him and he was knocked down. He was rushed to hospital on the Tuesday, but died on the Wednesday from multiple injuries.

The jury at the inquest asked many questions about the accident, but in the end they returned a verdict of accidental death caused by the breaking of an overloaded crane.

The jury and witnesses gave their fees to the widow, together with an additional sovereign which the jury subscribed.

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