



# *Coroner's Inquest Report*

## *Minety*

### **Alice Louisa Read**

Inquest taken before Mr Whitmarsh, at Minety, on the body of Alice Louisa Read between five and six years of age. An elder sister, who had the care of the deceased and three others whilst the parents were away from home, stated that about 5 o'clock in the evening she went next door to get some water for tea, leaving the children at play in the kitchen. She was absent 3 minutes, and whilst returning she saw deceased running out in flames. A neighbour came to her assistance, and Mr Brooks attended the same evening, but she died the next morning from the effects of the burns.

Verdict; Accidental death.

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