



CORONERS INQUESTS



Inquest Report on Thomas Bristo

On Saturday the 17th inst. Mr Whitmarsh held an inquest at Monkton Deverill, on the body of Thomas Bristo, who was found in Hiscombe Wood, lying dead on the ground, with a short gun (such as poachers use) by his side, and his brains blown out, the contents having entered under his left ear. It appeared from the evidence of a respectable gentleman, who found the deceased, that from the position of the body, as well as from the situation of the gun, that the deceased had the gun concealed under his coat, by his left side, and that by some accident, either of his falling down, or his coat touching the trigger, the piece was discharged. The young man, it appeared, had unfortunately been too much in the habit of illegally destroying game. The jury, being perfectly satisfied by the evidence brought before them, that he was accidentally shot, brought in a verdict to that effect.

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