



CORONERS INQUESTS



Sudden Death Of James Crook

On Friday, Mr. G. M. Wilson, the deputy-coroner, held an inquest at Nunton on the body of James Crook, 47 years of age, a shepherd, late in the employ of Mr. A. Buckley, of Nunton Hall. It appeared from the evidence that the deceased left home on Thursday after dinner, apparently in his usual health. It was his habit to return before four and five o'clock, but as six o'clock had passed and he had not reached home Mrs. Crook became anxious, and sent her son to look for him. He found his father lying in one of the fields, dead. He secured the assistance of George Biddlecombe, the gardener; and Mr. Marlow, the bailiff, and P.C. Keats were sent for. They removed the body home, where it was seen by Dr. Darke, of Salisbury, who came to the conclusion that death had resulted from failure of the heart's action. Dr. Darke had previously attended the deceased, who had suffered from indigestion and shortness of breath. The jury returned a verdict of "Death from natural causes."

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