



Coroner's Inquest Report Oaksey

Catherine Barnes

An inquest was held on Thursday at Oaksey, before Mr Whitmarsh and a respectable jury, on the body of Mrs Catherine Barnes, a widow, who died on Monday last, and who is said to have attained the extraordinary age of 103 years.

From the evidence adduced it appeared that about half-past one on the morning of the 5th February, the deceased was in the act of catching hold of the bedpost to assist her in getting up in bed, and fell backwards, sustaining an injury to the hip and spine, which resulted in her death on the 25th ult.

Dr Richard Kinneir, of Malmesbury, who attended the deceased up to the time of her death, was of opinion that death resulted from internal injuries sustained by the fall. The deceased had been confined to her room for about fourteen months, but could get about with a stick, and was in the enjoyment of the whole of her faculties up to the time of her death. She had a daughter living with her who is said to be 82 years of age.

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