



Coroner's Inquest Report Oaksey

George Ricketts

Mr Coroner Whitmarsh held an inquest on Saturday, at New Swindon, on the body of a labourer named George Ricketts, a native of Oaksey, near Cirencester, who died from injuries received at Swindon station on Wednesday.

It appeared from the evidence that the deceased, instead of leaving the platform by the sub-way under the line, jumped on the main line and ran across to the down platform. Just as he was in the act of climbing on to the platform a goods engine, drawing a long train, came upon him, and the side rod catching his back, crashed him to the ground. He was picked up at once, and, notwithstanding that he had six ribs fractured and crushed on the lungs, his right arm badly fractured, and had received serious injuries to his hip, he was sufficiently conscious to tell how it happened, and to inform Inspector Weston that it was his own fault--he saw other men going that way and he thought he might follow.

He was conveyed to the Hospital at New Swindon, where he died on Thursday night.

The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death".

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