

Coroner's Inquest Report Oaksey

Thomas Cove

Mr Whitmarsh held an inquest on Saturday, at Oaksey, on the body of Thomas Cove, a blacksmith, aged 57.

On the previous Tuesday morning, according to the statement of Ralph Fisher, he was at work a little after seven o'clock on the premises at West End Farm, when he heard the deceased cry out "Oh dear!" On running into a stable he saw him there, and asked what was the matter, when he replied that he had been kicked in the stomach whilst shoeing a horse. He was taken home and attended by Mr Fowler, MRCS, but died the next day from the internal injuries received.

Verdict "Accidental Death", the jury at the same time recommending that a smith should not be alone in future whilst shoeing the said horse.

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