



Coroner's Inquest Report

Thomas Burden 1868

Horrible Suicide

On Tuesday night, this place was thrown into a state of the greatest excitement by a report which proved to be true, that a man by the name of Thomas Burden had cut his throat from ear to ear. A little girl had been staying with him during the temporary absence of a woman who lived with him. This little girl went into the garden, and on her return, the door was locked. Finding she could not get in, she went and told a neighbour, who thought he might be gone to lie down, and therefore took the girl into her house till her husband came home. As, up till that time, nothing had been seen of Burden, a forcible entrance was made through an upstairs window; and, at the foot of the stairs, lay the body in a pool of blood, with his throat cut in a dreadful manner.

Western Gazette, 27 March 1868

Inquest on Thomas Burton

At the inquest on the body of Thomas Burton, who committed suicide under circumstances described in our paper of last Friday, the jury returned a verdict to the effect that deceased had destroyed himself while in a fit of insanity.

Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 3 April 1868