



CORONERS INQUESTS



Stratford Sub Castle

William Pretty 21st April 1888

On Tuesday an inquest was held at the public house at Stratford Sub Castle on the death of 5 year old William Pretty. He was the son of William Pretty a shepherd. Mr Pretty stated that he last saw his son at about 12.00 on Monday outside the school. He went down to the meadow to meet him, which he often did. There were hurdles near the bridge and the boy must have got round the end and fallen in the water.

John Orchard a witness said he saw the boy a little before five on Monday evening. The boy asked where his father was. Mr Orchard went away and when he came back he was gone.

PC Thomas Halliday stated that he received information that the child was missing. He searched the river with others and about six on Tuesday morning, he saw the body in the stream about 150 yards down the river.

Mr George Yates was foreman of the jury and the verdict of "Found drowned" was returned.

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