



CORONERS INQUESTS



Inquest Report on William Ody

An inquest was held at Stratton St Margaret on Thursday in last week, on the body of William Ody (60), who for some years had lived in a caravan in the brickyard, Stratton St Margaret.

The widow, Jane Ody, said her husband had been living in the caravan alone for about six years, while she worked in Swindon, visiting him during week-ends. She last saw him alive on the 18th April. He had been in failing health for some time past.

Jane Goddard, the wife of John Edward Goddard, groom, of Stratton St Margaret, said she went to the van about 7.15 a.m. on Wednesday, and found Ody seated on the floor. He said he was dying. She took him a cup of tea, and made a fire in the van. His condition grew worse and at the man's request she sent for his wife. She then gave him brandy, and, with assistance, placed him in bed, but he expired a few minutes after.

Dr. Muir stated that death was due to phthisis, and the jury returned a verdict accordingly.

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