

CORONERS INQUESTS



Trowbridge

William Smith

Inquests taken before Mr. Coroner Sylvester:

At Trowbridge, on William Smith, aged 74. The deceased was seen on the evening of the 15th July sitting on the step of his house; soon after he went into his house and shut the door. As he did not make his appearance in the morning, his daughter entered the house, and found him in the lower room dead, with his head against the wall and a chair resting on him. The surgeon was of opinion that he had fallen heavily against the wall, producing dislocation of the vertebrae of the neck, and causing instant death.

Verdict, "Found dead from accidental causes."

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