



CORONERS INQUESTS



Trowbridge 1850-1899

1855

A cloth worker, of the name of Tompkins, of this town, was found dead in his bed on Thursday morning, having retired to rest the previous night in good health. An inquest has since been held, and a verdict of "Visitation of God" returned. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 10 February 1855**

On Tuesday last, an inquest was held at the London Inn, before G. Sylvester, Esq., coroner, on the body of James Church, weaver, aged 64 years, who dropped down dead while at work at the loom. Medical evidence having been given, the jury returned a verdict of "Died from natural causes." A son of the deceased, a very intelligent young man, recently returned from a scientific expedition into the interior of Africa, had arrived at Trowbridge on Wednesday week, and was about to return to London on Monday, but his father prevailed upon him to stay another day. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, Saturday, 1 December 1855**

1857

Inquests taken before George Sylvester, Esq. At Trowbridge, on Eliza Rich, aged one year. The mother of the deceased placed a bucket on the floor, containing about a gallon of hot water, which the deceased upset, fell down, and the water ran over her; producing severe scalds on the bowels and limbs, which caused death some days after. Verdict - "Accidental Death." **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, Saturday, 3 January 1857**

1866

Inquests taken before Mr. Coroner Sylvester. At Trowbridge, on Albert Pike, aged 7 years. The deceased was left alone in the house, having the care of two younger children, and attempted to drink from the spout of the kettle which was on the hob of the grate, by which the sleeve of his pinafore became ignited, and extensive burns were the result, causing death in ten days. Verdict - Accidental Death. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, 25 January 1866**