



Village Celebrations

Warminster

Warminster Hang Fair There is a fair held on August 11th at Warminster, Called Hang Fair; it is entirely a pleasure fair, and lasts but one day. It is said to be called by this name on account of the hanging, on Warminster downs, on this day, in the year 1813 of two men, for the murder of a farmer and his housekeeper, an account of which is given in *Daniell's Hist. of Warminster*, p.95.

The history of the hanging was told years ago by an old woman who saw the horrible sight when she was a girl. Did the fair originate in consequence of the crowds gathered together to see the hanging or did it exist before?

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