



CORONERS INQUEST REPORTS



Wilsford

Sad End of Mr. William Newman

Very many of readers will hear with deep regret that Mr. Wm. Newman who for the last few years has been managing Wilsford Farm, terminated his existence on Saturday last by taking laudanum. He was one of the early victims of agricultural depression, and misfortunes, coupled with a severe attack of influenza, from which he never recovered, seems to have preyed upon his mind and produced temporary insanity. Mr. Newman was for several years the tenant of Draycott Farm, having previously farmed in Berkshire, near Farringdon, and since his downfall, though occupying a more humble position, he has always retained the warm sympathy and friendship of his many old acquaintances, who will be shocked to hear of what has happened to him. An Inquest was held on Monday at Wilsford, before Mr. Coroner Sylvester. Dr. Rayment, of Pewsey, who was sent for, and arrived before deceased died, gave evidence. He said his efforts to save deceased's life were unavailing. His opinion was that death was caused by laudanum poisoning. From the evidence of the Vicar of Wilsford, the widow of deceased, and Miss Arundell, a relative, it appeared that the deceased owned having taken laudanum, and that he had been subject to fits of great depression for a long time from various causes. The jury returned a verdict of "Suicide when of unsound mind."

Mr. Newman was 53 years of age.

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