



CORONERS INQUESTS



Winterbourne Stoke

Mrs. Elizabeth Swayne

Sudden death

An inquest was held yesterday, before R. M. Wilson, Esq., coroner, on the body of Elizabeth Swayne, wife of Peter Swayne, labourer. It appeared that on the previous evening, about half-past eight o'clock, Swayne and his wife went to bed, when the latter appeared to be in perfectly good health. About two o'clock she got out of bed to cover up the child, which slept in the same room. She got into bed again, and about a quarter of an hour afterwards her husband heard her groan and struggle, and spoke to her, but got no answer. He struck a light, and found she was dead. Mr. Turner, who was called to see the body, was of opinion that she had had a fit of convulsions, terminating in apoplexy.

Verdict accordingly.

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OPC Note:

In the 1861 Census: Swayne, 27, Agricultural worker, Bety Swayne, 21, and daughter, Mary J. Swayne, 1, all born at Winterbourne