



# CORONERS INQUESTS



## *Wootton Rivers*

### **INQUEST TAKEN BEFORE MR. WHITLOCK**

On Wednesday, at Wootton Rivers, near Marlborough, on view of the body of Hannah Pyke, 28 years of age.

It appeared from the statement of Thomas James that he and the deceased resided in the above parish, and that in the afternoon of Saturday they went to Marlborough for the purpose of buying a wedding ring, and a few articles previous to their marriage.

Having done so, they left Marlborough about 10 o'clock at night and neither of them was intoxicated on leaving the town. On arriving at the top of the hill, the deceased fell against the bank of the left side of the road, and the impression of her companion then was that she was overcome with what she had drunk. Having lifted her up, she had not walked many yards before she fell down again, and James had much difficulty in assisting her till the Salisbury Mail came by, when he placed her inside the coach and rode with her until they came to Cadley.

She was then carried by himself into a cottage, being quite helpless and insensible. There she remained until Sunday morning, when she was removed home and died in the evening. Mr. Carter, surgeon, of Pewsey, was twice in attendance upon the deceased. On a post mortem examination, he discovered a rupture of the brain with extravasation of blood, which was the cause of death, and which injury was, in his opinion, occasioned by a fall.

Verdict accordingly.

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