



# CORONERS INQUESTS



## Wylye 1800-1849

### 1842

Mr. Sylvester held an inquest on the 29th Ult. At Wylye, on the body of Matilda Bryant, aged three years, who, being left by her mother, is supposed to have lighted by the fire some straw, lying on the floor of the house, which, communicating to her clothes, inflicted such extensive injuries of various parts of her body, that she survived only three hours. Verdict, Accidental death; and it is the opinion of the jury, that the mother of the deceased is censurable in leaving her alone in the house. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 7 February 1842**

### 1843

Mr. Wilson held an inquest of Wylye, on Tuesday last, on the body of Frederick Nash, a lad of between seven and eight years of age, who was found drowned. The deceased had the charge of some cattle, which were placed in an orchard of Mr. Perrior's which adjoined the river, and not coming home at his usual time on the preceding evening, search was made for him, but without effect. The search was renewed, as soon as it was light next morning, and the body was found. No doubt was entertained of his having fallen in accidentally; and a verdict was returned of Found drowned. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, 13 July 1843**

### 1849

An inquest was also held by the same coroner, [Mr. Wilson] on the 10th inst., at Wylye, on the body of William Crouch, a lad of 16 years, who in endeavouring to stop two horses in a cart under his charge, which had taken fright, was either knocked down by the shaft of the cart, or one of the horses, which did not clearly appear, and the off-wheel passing over his loins he died about four hours afterwards. The deceased was much respected for his uniformly excellent character. Verdict, Accidental death. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, Saturday, 17 February 1849 also Wiltshire Independent, 22 February 1849**