

Coroner's Inquest Report



Inquest on Matthew Gunstone - 1870

INQUEST – taken before Mr. Coroner Sylvester. At Dilton's Marsh in the parish of Westbury, on Matthew Gunstone, aged 64 years. The deceased was sent to Vallis, near Frome, with a wagon and two horses for a load of lime. On returning, this side of Chapmanslade, he attempted to get up on the shaft, but slipping fell on the road, and one or both wheels passed over his left thigh, causing a comminuted compound fracture of the bone. He suffered from fever and diarrhea, and died from the injuries received in nine days.

Verdict – “Accidental Death”.

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