

CORONERS INQUESTS



Mrs. Mary Morris

On Sunday last, Mrs. Brown, of Harnham, went as usual to attend Divine service, leaving her sister, Mrs. Mary Morris, at home in bed, suffering from severe indisposition; but on her return she was horror-struck on finding that the poor woman had quitted her own apartment, and, on searching for her, she discovered her corpse suspended by a silk-handkerchief from the upper rail of a small bedstead, in one of the attics. Life was quite extinct, and there can be no doubt that the unfortunate creature had perpetrated the awful act soon after she was left alone.

An Inquest was held on Monday evening, before R. M. Wilson, esq., Coroner for Salisbury, when it appeared from the evidence, that the deceased, who was in her 66th year, had formerly been in prosperous if not in affluent circumstances; but of late years had been afflicted by several apoplectic seizures, which had destroyed her health, and irretrievably depressed her spirits. It was also proved that she suffered from occasional aberrations of mind; and a respectable Jury, after patiently investigating all the facts returned a verdict of Lunacy.

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