



Coroners Bills 1752-1796

Calne

County coroners were introduced in England in around 1194 once established other boroughs and liberties sought the right to have their own coroner. Often in Medieval times the coroner also assumed the role of the sheriff and his duties weren't limited to holding inquests on dead bodies although almost a full time post they were unpaid for the duties apart from those that were deemed murder or manslaughter when they would receive 13s. 4d. From the 24th June 1752 a law was passed allowing the coroner to claim £1 for every inquest they attended not held in a gaol and also to claim 9d per mile travel allowance from the place of residence. Inquests held in any gaol were performed at a rate totalling no more than £1. These costs were to be paid from the county rates. In cases of homicide the coroner also received the former fee of 13s. 4d. The coroners submitted their bills at the quarter session sittings for approval.

Year	Date	Surname	Given Names	Coroner		Details of Inquest	Place of Inquest	No. of Miles Travelled	Coroners Bill			Notes
				Surname	Given Names				£	s	d	
1773	26-Feb	Burnett	Joseph	Clare	William	Going over the stock-thorough (artificial channel) of a mill, fell in and was drowned	Calne	8	1	6	0	
1762	23-Feb	Chivers	Henry	Clare	John	Late of Calne; wife of Thomas Chivers; Inclement	Cherhill	8	1	0	0	Bill originally for £1 6s.; Named in

						weather						bill as Henry or Henery.	
1762	23-Feb	Chivers	Thomas	Clare	John	Late of Calne; died travelling along the road	Cherhill	7	8	1	6	0	Mileage altered from 7 to 8
1772	05-Feb	Cooper	Solomon	Clare	William	Died in the deep snow returning home from Calne	Bishops Cannings, Shepherds Shore	4		1	3	0	
1772	07-Sep	Dicketts	Joseph	Clare	William	Killed by a fall from a waggon	Calne	7		1	5	3	
1754	08-Sep	Heath	Ann	Clare	John	Killed by a horse	Calne	7		1	5	3	
1766	22-Jun	Hyatt	Unknown	Clare	John	A female infant bastard, which Margaret Hyatt of Calne, single woman, on 16 June brought forth; No marks of violence; Still-born	Calne	8		1	6	0	
1760	30-Mar	Lane	Jane	Clare	John	Found dead in an outhouse; Accidental death	Calne	7		1	5	3	
1771	21-Jan	Little	Richard	Clare	John	On 21st January threw himself out of a window of a house wherein he was put to be confined and immediately died; Lunacy	Calne	7		1	5	3	
1756	22-Jul	Oady	Thomas	Clare	John	Fell into the millpond and was drowned	Calne, Cow Lane	7		1	5	3	
1770	16-Nov	Reeves	John	Clare	John	Late of Calne; On 14th November found on the road near the house and carried there, where he languished for 7 hours then died from a fall from his horse	Chippenham, Rodes House	11		1	8	3	
1756	26-Dec	Stone	Frances	Clare	John	Threw herself into a well; Lunacy	Calne	7		1	5	3	
1755	22-Sep	Weston	Mark	Clare	John	Killed by a waggon squeezing him against a bank	Calne	7		1	5	3	

1761	02- Nov	Weston	Robert	Clare	John	Killed by a waggon	Calne	7	1	5	3	
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