

SOUTH WILTSHIRE CORONER'S INQUESTS



Compton Chamberlayne

Newspaper Reports

Morgan Ewence 18th October, 1871

SUICIDE – An inquest was held by Mr R. M. Wilson, at Compton Chamberlayne, on Wednesday, relative to the death of Morgan Ewence, aged 61 years. From the evidence of the wife it appeared that the deceased had his dinner on usual on Tuesday and that she left him shortly after to go to her work, from which she did not return till about half-past five o'clock, when she found him hanging to a beam in the kitchen quite dead. According to the statements of several witnesses, it appeared that he had had a sunstroke about last August, since which he has been noticed to be very strange and had more than once said that he was a broken down man, but expressed a hope that he should not make away with himself.

The jury returned a verdict of "Temporary insanity".

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