



CORONERS INQUESTS



Great Wishford - 1850-1899

1852

Inquests taken before R. M. Wilson, Esq. County Coroner At Great Wishford, on the body of Miss Jane Whitmarsh, who set her clothes on fire on Friday evening, and was so severely burnt that she died on Sunday morning. Verdict, "Accidental death." **Hampshire Advertiser, 3 January 1852**

Another inquest was held by the same Coroner (Mr. Wilson) on Tuesday, at Great Wishford, on the body of Mary Ann Shergold, a young married woman, who was found dead in bed by her husband shortly after their retiring to rest. It appeared, that she had been in early life subject to epileptic fits; and from the medical testimony adduced, the jury returned a verdict of "Died by the visitation of God of epilepsy." **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, Saturday, 17 January 1852**

1869

Sudden Death On Monday afternoon, a woman named Canning, belonging to Wishford, was seized with a fit, when near Finchley Villas, Fisherton, and was taken to the Infirmary, where she was seen by Dr. Roberts. She died shortly after her admission. An inquest was held by Mr. Wilson, at the Infirmary, the verdict was, "Died by the Visitation of God, from Epilepsy." She had never been known to have suffered from fits before. **Salisbury Times, Saturday, 20 February 1869**

1875

Sudden Death at Wishford On Tuesday an inquest was held by Mr. Wilson, coroner, at Wishford on the body of Sarah, the daughter of Mr. James King, aged two years, who died almost suddenly on Sunday morning. A verdict was given that the child died from convulsions. **Salisbury Times, Saturday, 9 January 1875**

1879

An inquest was held on Wednesday, by Mr. Wilson, coroner, at Wishford, on the body of a newly born infant, the son of Emily Bacon, which died a few hours after birth. The case was properly investigated and the verdict given was "that it was born when no one was with the mother and it naturally bled itself to death." **Salisbury Times, Saturday, 13 September 1879**