



Coroner's Inquest Report

Inquest on Sarah Jane Millard - 1851

INQUEST - At Dilton's Marsh, in the parish of Westbury, on Sarah Jane Millard, aged 5 years: It appeared that the deceased had been left alone in the house by her mother; shortly after screams were heard by John Smith who lived next door, and who immediately repaired to her assistance, found her enveloped in flames, which he extinguished as quickly as possible, but she died in ten days from its effects. The deceased was by the side of the fire; a burning stick fell from it and ignited her clothes.

Verdict – Accidental Death

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