Gloucestershire Archives Reference CO4/2/4

Page 469

An Inquisition taken this 30th day of January 1897 at The Baptist Chapel, Cinderford in the township of East Dean on view of the body of Frederick Jefferies aged 38 years: Collier:

The following Jury were Sworn:

Samuel Tyndall
Levi Wilce
Samuel Meredith
John S Hewlett
Alfred E Dykins
William Westaway
Richard Williams
Reuben Meredith
William Bingle
Joseph Pope
Francis Hall
John Cooksey

Witnesses:

Charlotte Jefferies: Widow of deceased of Bilson Green
John Haines of Bilson Green: Fireman
Richard Macartney of Cinderford: Surgeon

Verdict:

Date of Death: 27th January 1897
Place: Bilson Green East Dean
Cause: Bronchitis and valvular disease of the heart.

Payments:

Jurors	12	
Surgeon	1 .1	R Macartney
Witnesses	1.6	John Haines
Use of Room	2.6	John Cooksey

Total	1.17	

Addendum to Inquest No D469 Newspaper Article: (Frederick Jefferies)

AWFUL SUDDEN DEATH AT CINDERFORD:

Following immediately the inquest of Mr George Heaven on Saturday afternoon and at the same place by the same jury Mr Carter held an enquiry into the death of Fredk Jefferies, Collier of Bilson Green who died very suddenly on the 27th Jan----------. From the evidence of deceased's widow it appears he was 38 years of age and had suffered from bronchitis. About 10.00 am on the day in question he left home to go for a walk, and then appeared in his usual health. He went to the house of Albert Williams, Bilson Green where he remained an hour and a half. John Haines, Fireman of Bilson Green said that about 2.30 pm on the 27th he found deceased lying on his right side, and witness and his son raised him up into a sitting position (which the Coroner remarked was always the worst thing to do in such cases). Deceased did not speak and breathed only a few times.------- Dr Macartney said he knew deceased and attended him for bronchitis and heart trouble three or four months ago. In witness's opinion deceased died from bronchitis and valvular disease of the heart. The Jury returned a verdict accordingly and gave their fees to the widow, who is left in very straightened circumstances with several young children.