

## Coroners' Bills 1752-1796

## Sedgehill, Semley, East and West Knoyle

Year	Date	Surname	Given Name	Inquest at	Details	Coroner	Coroner's Bill
1753	10-Oct	Woburn	William	East Knoyle	Aged about 13; killed by the wheel of a cart	George Whitmarsh of Wilton	£1.06s.9d
1759	05-Jan	Mitchel	John	West Knoyle	Killed by falling from his horse	George Whitmarsh of Wilton	£1.12s.9d
1763	07-Apr	Cowdry	Stephen	West Knoyle	At Willoughby Hedge; bruised to death by a waggon fore-wheel going over him	George Whitmarsh of Wilton	£1.11s.3d
1764	19-Dec			Semley	A week old infant; overlain; accidental death	George Whitmarsh of Wilton	£1.13s.6d
1766	31-Oct			East Knoyle	A person unknown; inclement weather	George Whitmarsh of Wilton	£1.11s.3d
1767	12-Apr	Scammell	Mary	Semley	Age under 2, fell into a well and drowned	George Whitmarsh of Wilton	£1.12s.0d
1771	01-Sep	Bracher	Mary	Semley	Hanged herself; lunacy	Alexander Forsyth of Salisbury	£1.13s.6d
1772	28-Feb			Sedgehill	Newborn female found drowned in pond; murder by person or persons unknown	Alexander Forsyth of Salisbury	£1.16s.6d
1776	08-Jul	Stone	James	East Knoyle	Killed by a waggon	Alexander Forsyth of Salisbury	£1.06s.0d
1778	29-Aug	Smith	Goyinge	East Knoyle	Fell from a waggon supposed in a fit and died; natural death	Alexander Forsyth of Salisbury	£1.13s.6d
1779	20-Sep	Jukes	John	East Knoyle	Fever	Alexander Forsyth of Salisbury	£1.13s.6d
1779	03-Oct	Hort	Stephen	East Knoyle	Fell from his horse and was killed	Alexander Forsyth of Salisbury	£1.13s.6d
1780	26-Jan	Yates	Mary	West Knoyle	Inclement weather	Alexander Forsyth of Salisbury	£1.15s.0d
1781	17-Dec	Taylor	John	East Knoyle	At Milton; killed by a car overturning upon him	Alexander Forsyth of Salisbury	£1.14s.3d
1783	24-Jun	Gerrett	John	West Knoyle	Killed by falling from his horse	Alexander Forsyth of Salisbury	£1.13s.9d
1790	19-Sep	<i>not given</i>		West Knoyle	Killed by a horse falling on him	Alexander Forsyth of Salisbury	£1.15s.9d
1796	25-May	Candy	James	Sedgehill	Accidental death	William Whitmarsh of Wilton	£1.12s.0d

The south Wiltshire coroners normally presented their bills for payment once a year to the Quarter Sessions

George Whitmarsh was a Wilton surgeon and apothecary regarded as 'skilful' in his profession and eminent in his practice.' William Whitmarsh, also of Wilton and probably a relative of George, was also a Coroner for south Wiltshire as was his son Robert Powell Whitmarsh

Alexander Forsyth was a surgeon who was involved in smallpox inoculation in Salisbury in the late 1760's. Bodies of felons hanged after conviction at Salisbury assizes were sometimes delivered to him for dissection and anatomisation.