

George Barnard Macey Meech

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ANOTHER CHILD DROWNED IN A MILL POND. – Mr. E.F. Blake, coroner, held an inquest at the Shoulder of Mutton publichouse, South-street, on view of the body of George Barnard Macey Meech, 2 years and two months old, which was found dead in the bed of the mill stream, near the Pan Bridge, last Tuesday evening. It was shown in evidence that about 11.40 a.m. on Tuesday deceased was in the Pan Mill with his father, the miller, and was sent indoors for his hat. It appeared that deceased, on leaving the Mill, did not go indoors, but strayed to the edge of the Mill stream. His mother was busy washing and did not miss him till noon, when his father came in to dinner. The stream was dragged, and about 7.15 p.m. James Jacobs, of South-street, found the dead body in the bed of the stream. Mr. W.F. Foster, surgeon, examined the drowned body, which had been torn by a grappling iron. Verdict, “Accidentally drowned,” and the coroner was requested to call attention to the fact that sufficient care had not be exercised by the mother; also that the occupier of the Mill would do well to put a wire fence or pailing along the edge of the stream to protect the young children of the miller.

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