Death of Henry Fowler at Lime Kiln in Uplyme 1847

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UPLYME – DREADFUL DEATH – An inquest was held before R H Aberdein Esq, on the 6th instant, on the body of a man named Henry Fowler, a quarry man, aged about 30 years, who was in the employ of Mr Job Fowler, lime burner, here, whose body was discovered on Thursday morning, the 4th instant, by another workman named Bowditch, lying in the middle of the kiln. When Bowditch got to the kiln, the flames were between five and six feet above the top of the kiln, and on looking very earnestly at it, he distinguished the body of a man, lying on his back, with his left leg drawn up. He called assistance, and his body was got out, and was identified by the small portions of the dress, which deceased had on, which were not consumed by the fire, to be the body of the deceased. The body was roasted to a cinder, not a feature of the face could be distinguished, and his left leg was separated at the knee joint, by the action of the fire. The deceased had been drinking at a public-house on the evening of Wednesday, when he left, he went to his master's house, and left there between 8 and 9; he was in liquor, but appeared to be capable of taking care of himself. The lime kiln is about 30 yards from Mr Fowler's house; no noise was heard after deceased left the house. The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental Death".