



This report refers to the post mill worked by Thomas and Mahala Kirby in the field east of St George's Hill and south of Loughborough Road. Thomas and Mahala lived on the corner of Loughborough Road and New Road.

Suicide At Peggs Green

On Saturday **Mr. Coroner Deane** held an inquest at Peggs Green, touching the death of **Thomas Kirby, miller and grocer**, who hanged himself in his mill on the previous Thursday.

Mahala Kirby, the widow, stated that the deceased was 73 years of age. On Thursday he got up about half-past six in the morning, made a fire and went out to milk the cow. He came back with the milk at shortly after seven o'clock. Having had his breakfast, he sat in the house about half-an-hour, and then went to the mill. That was about eight o'clock.

Witness thought he was a long time, and about nine o'clock went to look for him. She went to the mill and found the door partly open. On looking in she saw her husband hanging by the neck. She tried to lift him and get the rope off his neck, but could not. She shouted for help and Joseph Mee came. Deceased appeared to be quite dead when she found him. He had been very depressed lately and had constantly complained of pain in the head.

Joseph Mee, blacksmith, Pegg's Green, said that on Thursday morning he was in his shop and heard that Mrs. Kirby was calling him from the mill. He went at once and found the deceased in the mill hanging by a piece of new clothes line, which was tied round a beam and fastened to his neck. Witness lifted up the body while **Mr. Whyman**, who had followed him, cut the rope.

Deceased lost a cow lately, and made a great trouble of it. He seemed queer at times and this had been noticed by other people besides witness.

The jury returned a verdict to the effect that deceased committed suicide while in a state of temporary insanity.

The Trust archive holds additional reports of the death and inquest at the New Inn, Peggs Green:

- Leicester Daily Post 13th March 1891
- Leicester Chronicle 14th March 1891
- Burton Chronicle 19th March 1891.