

William Wilson - A Tragic Accident

A report of William Wilson's tragic accident, from the *St. Pancras Gazette*, 11 April 1874:

"Dr Lankester the Coroner for Central Middlesex was engaged for some length of time on Thursday at the Prince Alfred, Crowndale road, St Pancras investigating the cause of death of six persons. The first case taken was that of William Wilson aged 48. - Charlotte Wilson, the wife of the deceased, stated that she lived at 17 Clarendon street, St Pancras and the deceased was a jobbing man. On Thursday, the 26th of last month, he was employed by the landlord to paint down the front of the house, and while on a ladder so doing, the ladder moved and he fell heavily to the ground, and was rendered insensible. He lingered till Tuesday, when he expired from the injuries. Dr John Carson, who made a post mortem examination, said that the cause of death was paralysis of the spinal cord."

