

MH 12/7876. Uxbridge Poor Law Union 1838-1842; the death of William Terry, Pinner, 1841.

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Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Guardians of the Uxbridge Union to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant (with its accompanying Extract from the Times Newspaper of the 31st ultimo containing a report of an Inquest held on the body of William Terry at Kniship on the preceding day) and requesting that they might be furnished with the observations of the Guardians on the case, and also on the subject of the arrangements for allowing to sick paupers the extra articles of Diet ordered by the Medical Officers. I beg therefore to state for the information of the Commissioners the particulars of the case which has so unfairly been made the medium of throwing unjust imputations against the Poor Law and its administration by the Uxbridge Board of Guardians.

William Terry a Labourer was a Parishioner of Uxbridge, but had for upwards of two years past resided at Pinner, which is in the Hendon Union; he was a man of drunken and dissolute habits, & had twice been in the Uxbridge Union Workhouse, viz. from the 19th November 1841, to the 5th February 1842, & from the 11th February to the 20th March 1842. - He was on Wednesday Morning the 30th October last brought in a cart to his sisters house at Kniship in the Uxbridge Union, but his case was not reported, nor any application made in his behalf till Thursday morning, when Mary Savender his sister went to the Relieving Officer's House, but not finding him at home, proceeded to Mr. Rayner the Medical Officer at Uxbridge, who visited the poor man the same afternoon, and pronounced

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residing at nearby Pinner, Terry died at his sister's in Ruislip. 15 November 1841.