

Child's Death

Not Guilty Verdict at Circuit Court

Mary Murphy, a married woman, living at The Downs, Ballingarry, Co Limerick, was found not guilty at the Limerick Circuit Court of grossly neglecting an infant child committed to her care, and who died, it was alleged, from malnutrition. The accused was discharged from custody.

Evidence was given that the accused took a three months old illegitimate child from its mother for a consideration of £90. The child died some months later, and the medical evidence was that death was due to malnutrition.

For the defence, it was contended that the child was always delicate and unable to retain its food. Accused had done everything possible for it, and had treated it according to medical advice. There was no question of malnutrition or inattention, as there was always plenty of food available.
