

Elizabeth Crews Gurden

Reports of her drowning in the river Cherwell, Oxford.

Oxford Journal**Sat 31 Dec 1870**

DROWNING. -The severe weather which has prevailed this week having frozen the Isis and the Cherwell, the search for the body of Mrs. Gurden, who it is supposed has thrown herself into the Cherwell, has been prevented.

The police and watermen, however, intend making increased efforts to recover the body as soon as the weather permits.

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Mrs. Gurden, who suddenly disappeared on the 16th of last month, and who is supposed to have drowned herself in the Cherwell, a further reward of 5l. has been offered for the recovery of the body.

Dragging operations have naturally been suspended during the late severe frost.

Oxford Journal**Sat 11 Feb 1871****RECOVERY OF THE BODY OF MRS. GURDEN**

Elizabeth Crews Gurden, the wife of Richard Gurden, who was formerly landlord of the Roebuck Hotel, Corn Market, Oxford.

Latterly Mrs. Gurden had been living in London Place, St. Clement's, Oxford.

Her age was 78.

She was in good circumstances. She was missed from home on Friday the 16th of December.

Witness was at Kennington Island when the body was taken out of the water, because when at the Local Board meeting he was informed that the body had been found; the people who discovered it sent word to him that it was there.

He made all haste to the place, and saw the body taken from the river.

Her pockets were searched, and in them were two half-sovereigns, 5s. 6d. in silver, and a few coppers, her rings were on her fingers, a large bunch of keys in her pocket, and a miscellaneous collection of trinkets also, including letters, cards, and such things as an eccentric lady might carry.

A letter from her daughter was produced, with her address on it.

Mr. Herbert Harrison, landlord of the Swan Inn, Kennington Island, said that on Wednesday morning, about half-past nine, he was looking up the river when he saw something floating down the water.

He took a boat over, and seeing that the floating object was a human body he brought it to the bank side, and secured it.