

The following document is a response to an inquest into the death of a Native American boy named Robin Sonkanawash (3/24/1724):

Portsmouth March the twenty fourth day of 1724

We whose name are hereunto subscribed being engaged according to law by Justice Freeborn Coroner upon a grand Inquest to view the body of an Indian boy that was found dead by the Name of Robin Sonkanawash & we have-ing [sic] diligently searched & enquired we find by an accident he was drowned.

[Signed by]

Joseph Brownell
William Potter (his mark)
Isaac Lawton
Benjamin Hall
Eanuch Briggs (his mark)
Daniel Amory
Joseph Wilcock (his mark)
Peleg Shearman
Caleb Bennet
Matthew Allen
John Butts (his mark)
Joseph Thomas

The above written is Entred [sic] on the 407th page in the Town book of Records belong to the Town of Portsmouth the 14th of April 1724.

William Sanford, Town Clerk

***PHS: The corresponding document for this transcription is #191 in the “1700s” section of the Early Portsmouth Records Index.**