

## Sarah Glaysher

1881 census, Vectis Cottage, Hunny Hill, Newport, Parish of Carisbrooke

Henry Glaysher	Head	66	Stationary Engine Driver	Chiswick, Middlesex
<i>Sarah Glaysher</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>Engine Driver's Wife</i>	<i>Chiswick, Middlesex</i>

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### NEWPORT.

**SUICIDE BY AN ELDERLY WOMAN.** - On Thursday afternoon the Deputy-Coroner (Mr. E. F. Blake) held an inquest at the Guildhall, relative to the death of Sarah Glaysher, aged 62 years, wife of Henry George Glaysher, Vectis Cottage, Hunny-hill, who committed suicide by hanging, on the previous night. - The husband of the deceased stated that on Wednesday his wife had been washing all day. She said she did not care about any tea, and had half-a-pint of ale instead. He had a game of cards with her in the evening. When he fetched the supper beer she would only taste it. As was his custom, he went to bed at 10 o'clock. At a quarter past 10, as deceased had not come upstairs, he called out to her, but received no answer. At half-past 10 he got out of bed, and found that the door was fastened. He tried to open it, and failed at first, but afterwards succeeded, and then found the deceased hanging behind the door, being suspended from a peg by means of strap. He cut her down, but she was dead, although the body was warm. There was a stool a few feet off. Witness, being deaf, heard nothing of his wife from the time he left her to the time he found her hanging behind the door. Deceased had a bad appetite, and a little drink would soon overcome her. She was not the worse for drink on Wednesday night; in fact, she was more sober than usual. Deceased's father committed suicide about Easter time, and this seemed to have affected her mind. Other relatives of his wife had also committed suicide. - Kate Collins deposed that she had been lodging at Vectis Cottage for the past twelve months. She noticed nothing unusual in deceased's manner on Wednesday. Shortly before 10 o'clock she went to bed, and at half-past 10 she heard the last witness thumping at the door. Mr. Glaysher called her, and when she went downstairs he had just cut his wife down. Deceased was of an excitable disposition, but her husband was very indulgent. - Mr. R. Bird Wilkins, surgeon, proved going to the house, and seeing the body. He removed the strap from the neck, and he had no doubt death was caused by strangulation. He had known the deceased for some years, and had reasons to believe she was of intemperate habits. If insanity was hereditary in the family, intemperance would increase the tendency to commit suicide. - The jury returned a verdict of "Death from hanging, she being at the time temporarily insane."

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