

Mary Ann Morris

1901 census, Lower Watchingwell Farm, Calbourne

James Robert Morris	Head	40	Dairyman	Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight
<i>Mary A Morris</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>56</i>		<i>Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight</i>
Wilfrid J Morris	Son	12		Calbourne, Isle of Wight
Sarah Chessell	Mother-in-law	82		Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight
Rhoda S Downer	Niece	31		Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight
Charles E Holbrook	Servant	19	Cowman	Calbourne, Isle of Wight

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CALBOURNE

SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS. J. H. MORRIS.--The deepest sympathy of all the inhabitants of Calbourne and the district is with Mr. J. H. Morris, of Lower Watchingwell Farm, who, on Friday afternoon, lost his devoted wife under the painfully sudden circumstances detailed below. On Monday afternoon the Deputy Coroner for the Island (F. A. Joyce, Esq.) held an inquest at the Farm-house, Supt. Ayres also being present. The husband stated that his wife would have reached her 62nd birthday on the following day (Tuesday). He last saw her alive about 4 o'clock on the previous Friday afternoon, when they were both engaged in milking the cows in the stable. Deceased passed him and went to the next cow below and was milking, when a few minutes afterwards he noticed her head was dropped whilst she was still seated on the stool. Less than a minute before deceased had spoken to him. He went to her and thought she was fainting, but after getting her outside he found she was dead. Deceased had not finished milking the cow. Witness heard no sound. He sent to Newport for a doctor about half-past 4. Deceased had enjoyed good health -- he did not remember a doctor ever attending her -- and never made any complaint. Dr. Hutton Castle, of Newport, said he was sent for and arrived at the farm about 7 o'clock the same evening. Deceased had apparently been dead for some time and he was unable to form any conclusion as to the cause of death from external appearance. He attended deceased many years ago, but she was a wonderfully healthy woman. Acting on the Coroner's instructions he had since made a post mortem and found that death was due to syncope — sudden stoppage of the heart's action due to long standing disease of the heart and fatty degeneration. It was quite possible for the fatty degeneration of the heart to exist without the person being aware of it. In reply to the foreman (Mr. E. Mew), Dr. Castle said if a doctor had been on the spot at the time nothing could have been done for the deceased. The Coroner having briefly summed up, a verdict of "Death from natural causes" was returned, and the jury passed a vote of sincere condolence with the bereaved husband. The funeral took place at Carisbrooke Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, the Rev. W. R. K. Baulkwill officiating. There was a large number of floral tokens. -- Mr. Morris and son wish to thank all for sympathy shown them in their sad bereavement, also those who sent flowers.

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