

## William Henry Locke

### 1911 England, Wales & Scotland Census Newport, Isle of Wight, Hampshire, England

Name	Relationship	Status	Age	Occupation	Birthplace
William Henry Locke	Head	Married	41	Market gardener	Newport, Isle of Wight
Sarah Jane Locke	Wife	Married	34		Gunville, Isle of Wight
Alice Lily Maude Locke	Daughter	Unmarried	9		Newport, Isle of Wight
Daisy Kathleen Locke	Daughter	Unmarried	5		Newport, Isle of Wight
Freda Kathleen Locke	Daughter	Unmarried	3		Newport, Isle of Wight

### Isle of Wight County Press - 15 April 1939

#### Tragic Death Of Carisbrooke - Market Gardener

##### Found in a Well

Sincere sympathy is felt with Mrs. Locke of Crept Cottage, Carisbrooke, and with the members of the family in the tragic death on Tuesday of Mr. William Henry Locke, aged 69. Mr. Locke had been in ill-health for some time, and in the early hours of Tuesday morning Mrs. Locke on awakening found that he was missing. A search resulted in the discovery of his body floating on the top of the water in a 30 ft. deep well in the garden.

The sad circumstances were investigated by the Deputy-Coroner for the Island (F. A. Joyce, Esq.) at the Guildhall, Newport, on Thursday. Inspector T. Willmott and P.C. Ward represented the police.

Mrs. Sarah Jane Locke, the widow, told how she awoke and missed her husband at 1.30 a.m. on Tuesday. She called her daughter and after looking in the stables at the bottom of the garden they noticed that the cover had been removed from the well there. On looking in witness saw deceased floating on the top of the water, the level of which was about a foot below the top of the well. Her niece went for the police and artificial respiration was tried without effect. Deceased suffered great pain in the last few days owing to the state of his health, and in consequence had been depressed.—Corroborative evidence was given by Marjorie Phyllis Locke, residing at the same address.

Dr. A. H. Bruce said he attended deceased for chronic heart trouble on November 30<sup>th</sup>. After that date his condition improved a little. Witness was called in and saw deceased twice on April 8<sup>th</sup> and diagnosed that he was suffering from inflammation of the bladder, which would cause acute pain in spasms. Deceased was further attended during the week-end and in the early hours of Tuesday witness was called to Gunville, where he found Mr. Locke lying dead in the garden. He subsequently conducted a post-mortem examination and found no water either in the lungs or the stomach. Disease of the heart had affected the liver, and inflammation of the bladder. He formed the conclusion that death was due to heart failure due to the shock of entering the water.

The Coroner said that it appeared that deceased had suffered a great deal of pain and had become very depressed. He must draw the inference that deceased had suicide in contemplation and his verdict would therefore be that death was due to the shock of immersion, in an attempt to drown himself, and that his mental balance was disturbed by great suffering from illness. The Coroner expressed sympathy with the widow and family.