

James Upward

1851 census, Hexham, Northumberland

Elizabeth Bell	Head	54	Outdoor Pauper & Glover	Alston, Cumberland
Margaret Bell	Daughter	14		Hexham, Northd
James Carr	Lodger	64	Pauper	St John Lee, Northd
<i>James Upward</i>	<i>Lodger</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>Gunsmith</i>	<i>Isle of Wight</i>
Patrick Deran	Lodger	17	Pipe maker	C of Down, Ireland

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NEWPORT.

Fatal Railway Accident. – Mr. H. R. Hooper, as deputy coroner, held an inquest at the Sun Inn, Holyrood-street, on Saturday, on view of the body of James Upward, aged 70, who was found dead on the Cowes and Newport Railway. Mr. Frank Way, coal merchant, was foreman of the jury. Mr. Josiah Upward, on Upper-street, James-street, identified the body as that of his half-brother, an inmate of the Union Workhouse. –Henry Cull, of Cross-lanes, deposed that about 3:15 that morning he was walking down the line close to the back of Hurstake when he saw the dead body of deceased lying crossways, about three feet from the rails, face downwards. One of his boots was off. The feet were about 18 inches from the nearest rail. It was impossible to say whether deceased was struck by an up or down train. Witness called to the spot a man named Brown, and turned the body over, and saw there was blood all over the face. His hat was about 10 or 15 yards, and the boots about 5 or 6 yards from the body. Witness went and gave information to the county police. –P. C. Philpott found the body dead and still lying on the left side of the line, going down. The right leg was doubled up under the back. Some torn parts of his dress were lying about. Peter Stark, dairyman, of Hunnyhill, knew deceased. About 7 o'clock on Friday evening he saw him on the top of Hunnyhill going towards the Union Workhouse which is close by a lane leading down to the part of the railway where the body was found. Witness remarked to deceased that he was out late from the Union, and deceased replied that he did not care if he never went there again. Deceased went rather feebly on his way toward the Union. He had been drinking, but was capable of taking care of himself. –Mr. W. F. Foster, surgeon, found some contused wounds at the back of the head; the neck, right arm, and right thigh, were broken. Deceased had been dead some hours. The injuries might have been caused by a swift train striking the body. –Mr. Greenwood, Newport stationmaster, explained that there could be no shock given to the train by merely striking a body and throwing it on one side. –Verdict, “Accidental death.”

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