

Peggy Ann Burford

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Newport Child's Death from Scalding.

Corpl. Edward George Burford and his wife, who lives at 5 Town-lane, Newport, are mourning the loss of their little child Peggy, who was fatally scalded on her third birthday on Friday and died at the County Hospital on Sunday.

On Monday, at Ryde, the Deputy-Coroner (F. A. Joyce, Esq.) inquired into the sad circumstances. - The mother, Amy Burford, stated that on the day in question she was in the kitchen preparing a bath for her daughter. She filled a pail with hot water in the yard and carried it into the kitchen, where she had a washing bath on the floor. She emptied the hot water into the bath and returned to the yard, where the child was playing, for some cold water. While obtaining this the child ran into the house. She heard it cry out, and on rushing into the kitchen found that the child had fallen in to the bath. She at once pulled the child's clothing off and went for Dr. Bruce, who ordered her removal to the hospital.

Mrs. Lilian Mabel Gallop, of 70 South-street, said she nursed the child while the mother went for the doctor.

Dr. Alferetta Keith, house-surgeon at the County Hospital, said they were waiting to receive the child into the hospital when it arrived. It was extremely shocked and suffering from extensive scalds. Death was due to shock.

In returning a verdict to this effect the Coroner attached no blame to the mother, with whom and her husband he expressed sympathy.

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