

## George William Denton

### 1881 census, Chain Lane, Newport

Mary Harley	Head	Widow	57	Charwoman	Bedminster, Bristol
John Harley	Son		13	Scholar	Newport, Isle of Wight
<i>George Denton</i>	<i>Grandson</i>		<i>5</i>	<i>Scholar</i>	<i>Newport, Isle of Wight</i>

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#### NEWPORT.

**A CHILD DROWNED AT THE TOWN QUAY.** – An inquest was held at the Guildhall on Monday evening, before Frederick Blake, Esq., coroner for the Island, on the body of George William Denton, aged seven years, who was drowned in the Medina near the Town Quay on Saturday evening. The deceased, it appeared lived with his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Harley, residing in Chain-lane, and on Saturday evening, about quarter to nine, she asked him to go to the Quay to see if his uncle was coming up. In the lane he saw a companion named Tom Kearley, eight years old, and the two went together to the Quay. At the slipway they got into a boat that was tied up there, and, after a short time, deceased got out of the boat on to the wall of the slipway. He was trying, said the witness Kearley, to get into the boat again when he fell into the water. Witness could not help him out as he went down in the deepest water. Witness heard him call out and saw him go under, and ran off to get his grandmother. On the way he said he saw an older boy named Frederick Adams, and told him of what had occurred, but Adams said he never saw Kearley on the evening in question. The body was recovered about 10 o'clock, and Dr. Allen Waterworth was called to see it, but life was quite extinct, an hour having elapsed since the body went under. The jury (of whom Mt. T. E. Bull was foreman), returned a verdict of "Accidentally drowned." – The boy Kearley was told that if in any other occasion a companion of his fell into the water he should shout out as loudly as he could on the spot, and not "run off to tell grandmother." There were people about the Quay, and if an alarm had been raised at once in this case, the poor child deceased would doubtless have been saved.

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