

Elizabeth Simmonds

Census 1871 – 16 Crocker Street, Newport

Henry Simmonds	Head	66	Tailor	Newport, Hampshire
<i>Elizabeth Simmonds</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>63</i>		<i>Northwood, Hampshire</i>
Jessie Guy	Daughter	31		Newport Hampshire

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ISLE OF WIGHT.

NEWPORT.

CORONER'S INQUEST. - F. Blake, Esq., Coroner For the Isle of Wight, held an inquest on Friday afternoon, at the Star Inn, Newport, on the body of Mrs. Elizabeth Simmonds, a midwife, aged 67 years. - Emma Phipp, the wife of William Phipp, said she resided in Crocker-street, next door to the deceased, for upwards of four years, and during the most of that time she had complained of having difficulty in breathing, which had become worse of late. Yesterday at one o'clock p.m. she saw the deceased standing by the side of her door, and she then seemed in her usual state of health. She did not again see her alive. At 5 o'clock Mr. Simmonds came to her house and said he had found his wife dead in her bed, and on accompanying him to the bedroom she found the deceased undressed and lying in a natural way, with her head resting upon her hand. Her hands were cold, but her body was warm.. She, however, was quite dead. - Henry Simmonds, tailor, and husband of the deceased, said his wife had suffered from asthma for several years, and she had been rather worse of late. Yesterday she ate a very hearty dinner, and appeared in her usual state of health. About 3 o'clock she went upstairs to bed, according to her usual custom, and at 4 o'clock he called her, but she did not answer. He again called her at 5 o'clock, but as there was no reply, he went upstairs and found her quite dead. - Dr. Waterworth said he believed that the deceased had been suffering from bronchitis and disease of the heart, and that death had been accelerated by a going to bed after eating a hearty dinner. - Verdict, "Died from natural causes."

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