## Benjamin William Swetman

### Census 1861 – Sea Street, Newport

Benjamin W Swetma	n Jr 36	Head	Gen. Labourer	Newport, Hampshire
Jane Swetman	40	Wife	Housework	Junce?, Galway, Ireland
William Vasey	21	Son-in-law <sup>1</sup>	Mariner	Carisbrooke, Hampshire
Henry Vasey	18	Son-in-law <sup>1</sup>	Mariner	Carisbrooke, Hampshire
John Vasey	12	Son-in-law <sup>1</sup>	Scholar	Carisbrooke, Hampshire
Fanny Swetman	7	Daughter	Scholar	Newport, Hampshire
Harriet Swetman	10mths	Daughter		Newport, Hampshire

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Possibly, Brothers-in-Law?

# **Hampshire Telegraph – 12 June 1869**

### ISLE OF WIGHT.

### **NEWPORT.**

SUDDEN DEATH. - F. E. Blake, Esq., coroner, held an inquest on the evening of Tuesday last, at the "Dolphin Inn," Quay-street, Newport, on the body of Benjamin William Swetman, widower, aged 44, a coalheaver. - John Wardour, a carter, said: I knew the deceased, and this morning, at 25 minutes to six o'clock, I saw him come from the Quay to the "Dolphin" corner, and as I had observed a quantity of blood on the rood in walking along Sea-street, I asked him if he had seen the blood, when he replied, "It came from me; I spat it up when I was coming along. I coughed, and then I spat it up." He complained of being very ill, and said that he did not know what to do with himself. He then walked across the road, and sat down on the store steps. I left him, and went to the stables for about ten minutes, and on returning I found him sitting there. I again left, and on returning the second time I saw that he had fallen off the steps, and was lying on the ground, and several persons were standing around him. The deceased was not then dead, and I was not present when he died. - James Vine, coalheaver, said: I knew the deceased, and saw him last night, at which time he seemed to be quite well. This morning, at 20 minutes past six o'clock, I noticed him sitting on the steps leading to the potato store, but I did not speak to him, for I did not observe that he was ill. While I was standing almost close to him he fell off the steps on to the road, and when I lifted him up I felt that be was quite powerless, for he neither spoke nor struggled, but only gave a deep moan: I did not see the deceased die, as I ran to bring his father. - Mr. Charles Willcocks, manager to Pickford and Co., carriers, corroborated the last witness's evidence, and said the deceased died immediately after he was carried into the store. - Mr. John Henry, surgeon, assistant to Dr. Waterworth, said: This morning, at 25 minutes to six o'clock, I was called to see the deceased, and on examining the body I found the features calm and natural. I believe that a large blood-vessel in one of the lungs had broken when he coughed, and that the blood had been flowing for some time. - Verdict, "Died from natural causes."

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