

George Titchmarsh

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ISLE OF WIGHT

NEWPORT

SUDDEN DEATH. - Mr. F. Blake, coroner, held an inquest the Castle Inn, on Monday evening, on view of the body of George Titchmarsh, aged 29, a clerk at the Royal Brewery, and a drummer in the 2nd Isle of Wight (Newport) Rifle Volunteers, who died suddenly on Sunday morning. The jury, of which Mr. C. O. Harris was foreman, having viewed the body at 15, Cross-street, proceeded to hear evidence. - Eliza Titchmarsh, deceased's widow, said he had been unwell for the last two months, but kept to his work, and had no medical attendance. He complained of his chest and his heart. On Saturday afternoon he came home from his work at the usual time, and complained much of being ill. He had occasionally taken some of Mr. Smith's digestive pills. He took a cup of tea but no supper, before going to bed, about 9 o'clock on Saturday night. She carried the child upstairs, and witness soon went off to sleep. Next morning, about 5.45, she heard him make a strange noise, and then heave a deep sigh. She immediately ran across the street, and fetched Mr. Kemp, her cousin, and deceased appeared to be dead. Deceased, a native of India, married witness about two years ago, when he belonged to the 102nd Regiment, stationed at Parkhurst, and he bought his discharge about twelve months ago. Deceased had told her that he had a severe attack of rheumatic fever some time ago. When in the army he excelled in athletic sports. Last Tuesday, as a bandsman, he went round the Island with the employees of Messrs. C. Francis, Son, and Co., of the Dodner Cement Works. - Dr. E. P. Wilkins, judging from appearances, and what he had been told by the widow, was of opinion that deceased died from disease of the heart. - Verdict, "Died from natural causes."

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