

Francis Charles Bevan

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NEWPORT

Found Dead at Home.--The Deputy Coroner (Mr. J. V. Bullin) opened an inquest at the Police Station on Tuesday on Mr. Francis Charles Bevan, aged 56, a coal miner, of 2 Albany Terrace, who was found dead at his home on Saturday. Evidence of identification only was taken, given by the widow, Mrs. Lilian Maud Bevan, and the inquest was then adjourned until Dec. 1st. The funeral took place on Wednesday, a service at the house being conducted by the Rev. W. C. Cardy. The mourners were Mrs. F. Bevan (widow), Mr. and Mrs. G. Driscoll (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. and Mrs. T. Shannon and Messrs. F. Shannon and J. Galsworthy (brothers-in-law and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. T. Galsworthy and Mr. and Mrs. J. Galsworthy and Mr. C. Jones (nephews and nieces). Interment followed at Carisbrooke Cemetery. Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son made the arrangements.

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DEATH FROM SILICOSIS

ADJOURNED INQUEST AT NEWPORT

How a South Wales miner, Francis Charles Bevan, died at his home, 2 Albany Terrace, Newport, 17 years after contracting silicosis was related at an adjourned inquest held by the Deputy Coroner (Mr. J. V. Bullin) on Tuesday at the Guildhall, when a jury returned a verdict of death through natural causes resulting from an industrial disease.

Mrs. Lily Maud Bevan said she married her husband in December, 1924, and they left South Wales in 1936 owing to the fact that he had contracted pneumoconiosis while working in a mine, and they moved to the Island in order to improve his health. He was registered as a disabled person and did light labouring work in a shipyard at Cowes, was a night watchman for a time, and a car park attendant at Carisbrooke. Unfortunately, his disability increased in severity. He died on Nov. 7th.

Dr. P. D. Swinstead said a post mortem revealed that death was due to pneumoconiosis associated with pulmonary tuberculosis, and the Pneumoconiosis Board confirmed this opinion. No other disease was present.

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