

Arthur Gallop

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Death Follows Injured Finger.

WOOTTON GARDENER'S FATE.

The Acting Deputy Coroner (Dr. H. Y. Mansfield, of Freshwater) held an inquest at the Well-street Methodist Church, Ryde, on Saturday into the sad death of Mr. Arthur Gallop, 54, a jobbing gardener, of Glen Ross, New-road, Wootton, who died shortly after admission to the County Hospital on Wednesday week.

Inspector H. Randall and P.C. Chandler were the police officers in attendance.

The widow, Annie Gallop, stated that her husband complained of pain extending up the right arm when he came home from work on Saturday May 25th and said he thought it was due to having a splinter in the top of the third finger of his right hand while cleaning a wicker-work bath chair at Mrs. White's residence at Fishbourne on the previous Tuesday. He had made no complaint previously. He went to bed immediately after tea and remained there until Dr. Kennedy, who was called in on Saturday morning, ordered his removal to the hospital on the following Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Grace White, of Little House, Fishbourne, said she employed the deceased in the garden on Tuesdays and Saturdays. On Tuesday May 21st he cleaned a bath chair for her, but he made no complaint of having injured his finger.

Dr. F. R. B. Kennedy, of Wootton, said he had attended the deceased during the last three years for heart trouble and general poor health. He also employed him as a gardener and he was working for witness on Friday. When he saw him on Saturday May 25th Gallop told him of the pricked finger and he saw the slight wound. General septicaemia followed and that was the cause of death. - In reply to Inspector Randall the doctor said he did not treat the finger as the trouble had gone beyond that when he was called in

The Deputy Coroner said he had no hesitation in returning a verdict that death was due to general blood poisoning arising from the accidental pricking of the finger.

The funeral took place on Sunday at the Carisbrooke Cemetery where the Methodist minister (the Rev. J. Higman) conducted the service. The mourners were the widow, Mr. G. Gallop (brother), Mrs. A. Kingswell (sister), Mrs. L. Snow (niece), Mr. J. Wadham (brother-in-law), Messrs. R., V., and A. Wadham (nephews), Mrs. Pitman (aunt), Miss Pitman, Mrs. Humber, Mr. J. Goodman, Mrs. Elliott, Mr. C. M. and Mr. C. Sheen (cousins), Dr. and Mrs. Kennedy, Mr. W. Cooper, Mr. G. Drury, Mr. and Mrs. Gilley, Mrs. Morris, and Mr. H. Stephens (representing the British Legion), Mr. W. Mowbray and Mr. R. Boyce (the Rechabites), Miss Barnes (representing Mrs. White, Fishbourne), Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Gosden, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hayles, Mr. and Mrs. Giles, and Mrs. Jackson. There were a number of beautiful floral tributes, including one from the women's section of the British Legion, one from the men's section, one from the Horticultural Society, and another from the Rechabites. The arrangements were carried out by Mr. W. H. Please. - Mrs. Gallop desires to thank all kind friends for sympathy shown her in her sad bereavement, and for letters of sympathy, too numerous to answer; also to Dr. Kennedy for his kind attention during deceased's illness, and for beautiful flowers.

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