

Mabel Rose Blanche Gunning

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**ELDERLY WOMAN DIED
AFTER SLIP IN SNOW**

**Verdict of Accidental
Death**

A slip in the snow at her home in January resulted in the death three months later of Mrs. Mabel Rose Blanch Gunning, an 82-year-old widow, who lived alone at 8 Albany Road, Newport. The Coroner (Mr. J. V. Bullin) held an inquest at Ryde Town Hall on Tuesday.

Arthur Thomas Gunning, of Oakmead, Long Lane, Staplers, Newport, told the Coroner that his mother had enjoyed good health until about five years ago, when she began to have trouble with her legs. He visited her every day and on January 14th he saw her in the afternoon. She had told him she had slipped in the snow when she was going to a garden shed, but told him not to bother to call a doctor as it was "only a bruise". He called a doctor and his mother was taken to hospital.

Dr. N. Boffa, casualty officer at the Royal I.W. County Hospital, said Mrs. Gunning was suffering from a fractured femur and was operated on the day after admission. At first she seemed to recover from the operation, but then it was discovered that an infection had set in around the fracture which necessitated a further operation. The fracture, in fact, never did heal and Mrs. Gunning died on April 29th.

Dr. P. D. Swinstead (pathologist) said a post mortem examination showed infection around the fracture and the bone itself was infected. Death was due to osteomyelitis, combined with senility, following the fracture.

The Coroner recorded a verdict of accidental death.

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NEWPORT

The Late Mrs. M. Gunning. – The funeral of Mrs. Mabel Gunning, of 8 Albany Road, whose death was reported last week, took place on Thursday week, a service in the Carisbrooke Cemetery Chapel, conducted by the Rev. D. J. Creamer, preceding interment. The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Gunning (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. P. A. Gunning (grandson) and Mrs. Gunning, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Jolliffe, and Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Jolliffe (nephews and nieces). Messrs. H. & F. Damp made the arrangements.

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