

**Ellen Charlotte Legg**

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**NEWPORT**

**Inquest Adjourned.**- The death occurred suddenly at the County Hospital on Wednesday of Mrs. Ellen Charlotte Legg, aged 60, of 68 Worsley Road. An inquest was opened at the hospital yesterday afternoon by the Coroner (Mr. R. E. A. Webster), at which a step-son [?], Gerald Ventress, said he desired an inquest because of rumours that Mrs. Legg had poisoned herself. The inquest was adjourned for a fortnight for an analyst's report. The funeral is today. Mrs. Legg leaves three step-sons and a step-daughter. Mrs. Legg's husband, Mr. Edwin Jacob Legg, died in January this year. He was an employee of Messrs. Brickwood and Company.

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**Adjourned Inquest on Newport Woman.**

**RUMOURS OF POISONING GROUNDLESS.**

The Coroner (Mr. R. E. A. Webster) resumed the inquest at the County Hospital on Wednesday on Mrs. Ellen Charlotte Legg, aged 60, of 68 Worsley Road, widow of Mr. Edwin Jacob Legg, who died in January. Mrs. Legg's death occurred at the County Hospital on June 14th, and the inquest, opened two days later, was adjourned for an analyst's report. Mr. Gerald Gordon Ventress, a son of Mrs. Legg, stated that he desired an inquest, because of rumours that his mother had poisoned herself.

At the resumed proceedings Mr. Ventress said that when he returned home at 68 Worsley Road at about 12.30 p.m. on June 13th he found a note from his mother to the effect that she was not feeling well and had gone to bed. He sent for the doctor. On the advice of a London doctor, his mother used to take tablets of an aspirin preparation. When he saw her at the County Hospital at 4.30 a.m. the following day she was unconscious, and she died in the afternoon.

Dr. R. D. Clay, pathologist, said that on June 15th he performed a post mortem examination, which revealed that death was due to septic meningitis. The report of the Portsmouth City analyst showed there had been no overdose of aspirin.

The Coroner recorded a verdict of death from natural causes, namely, septic meningitis secondary to sphenoidal sinusitis, and said there was no evidence that Mrs. Legg took a toxic dose of an aspirin preparation.

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