

## Martha Legg

### 1901 census, 9 South View, Newport

Alfred Legg	Head	34	Gardener	Freshwater, Isle of Wighr
<b>Martha Legg</b>	<b>Wife</b>	<b>31</b>		<b>Ryde, Isle of Wight</b>
George House	Father-in-law	67	Stone Mason	Tolpuddle, Dorset
Charles House	Brother-in-law	22	?winer (wood)	Ryde, Isle of Wight
Thomas Keeping	Nephew	5		Newport, Isle of Wight

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### NEWPORT

**SUDDEN DEATH.**--On Saturday evening the Deputy Coroner (F. A. Joyce, Esq.), held an inquest at the Sir John Barleycorn on the body of Martha Legg, aged 35, the wife of Alfred Legg, labourer, of 9, South-view, Trafalgar-road, who died suddenly on the previous afternoon. Deceased's husband said that deceased had complained of pains in the heart and indigestion, &c., and about two months ago she went to Dr. Coombs, who gave her some medicine. Just lately he had advised her to go and see a doctor again, but she did not care to. About six years ago deceased's mother died suddenly from heart disease. Mrs. Kate Cooper, of 3, South-view, said that about 2 o'clock on the previous afternoon deceased came to her door and asked if her little girl could go to the Barleycorn and fetch threepenny-worth of brandy, as she (deceased) said she was "very rough." She went and fetched her little girl, and about 10 minutes afterwards went and called deceased. She got no answer, and thinking deceased had gone to sleep upstairs she went again and returned again shortly after, but still got no reply. At 3.25 she called deceased a third time and went upstairs, when she found deceased lying on the bed dead. Everything was in order. She had complained of her chest previously and did not seem well. Dr. Hutton Castle said he arrived at the house at 3.35 on the afternoon in question and found deceased lying dead on her left side on the bed, having evidently thrown herself down on the bed when the fatal seizure came on. She had been dead about an hour. There were no marks of violence and nothing external to indicate the cause of death. A *post-mortem* examination revealed extensive valvular disease of the heart, together with pleurisy of the left side and effusion, which had set up pericarditis, and that was the cause of death. She must have been feeling ill for several weeks. The Deputy Coroner briefly summed up, and the jury, of whom Mr. J. Duke was foreman, returned a verdict to the effect that death was due to "Cardiac failure, resulting from valvular disease of the heart, complicated with pleurisy."

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