

## **Frederick George Notten**

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### **Suicide of a Shide Carter.**

A sad story of illness and depression was told to the Deputy Coroner (Frances A. Joyce, Esq.) at the High-street Methodist School, Ryde, yesterday (Friday), when he held an inquest on the body of Frederick George Notten, aged 56, single, a carter, living at 7 Malvern-terrace, Blackwater-road, Shide, who died at the County Hospital on Wednesday, following self-inflicted wounds to his throat. Insp. H. Rogers was present.

Miss Louisa Notten said her brother had been employed as a carter by Mr. J. W. Alexander on St. George's-down, and she had acted as his housekeeper. He came home from work on October 9th complaining of pains in his back. After staying in bed three days he was attended by Dr. Raymond and did not return to work again. He complained that he was unable to sleep. He came downstairs every day, but did not very often leave the house. Dr. Raymond said a muscle was strained through coughing and his nerves were shattered. Her brother seemed very depressed, but never suggested that he would commit suicide. On Thursday he seemed more depressed. They had supper together and he went to bed about 10 o'clock. She said "I hope, please God, you will have some sleep. Say your prayers," and he answered "I will, I hope I shall." She heard nothing during the night, but at 5 o'clock next morning she heard him coughing. She went to his bed-room and asked if he wanted something to drink for his cough and then saw blood on his pillow. She thought it was haemorrhage and went for Mrs Downer, who sent her daughter for Dr. Raymond, and he came as soon as possible. Her brother was removed in an ambulance to the County Hospital. She found the razor (produced) on his pillow. Witness added that deceased was a good brother. He was always complaining of noises in his head like the rush of an engine.

Mrs. Fanny Jane Downer, a widow, of 6 Malvern-terrace, corroborated.

Dr. G. Q. Chance, house surgeon at the County Hospital, said deceased was admitted at 7.30 a.m. on Wednesday in a collapsed condition with a weak pulse and unconscious. He had lost a great deal of blood. There was a deep wound in the neck which had severed the windpipe and gullet, and wounds on each wrist. Deceased died from haemorrhage resulting from the wound in the neck.

The Coroner said lack of sleep was one of the contributory causes of suicide and that deceased died from haemorrhage arising from self-inflicted wounds and that he was of unsound mind at the time. The Coroner tendered his deepest sympathy with the relatives, and was acknowledged by Miss Notten.