

**Sophia Pearce**

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**CARISBROOKE ACCIDENT ENDS  
FATALLY.**

An accident at Priory-road, Carisbrooke, in July resulted in the death of the victim on Tuesday. An inquest was held at Ryde yesterday (Friday) by the Deputy-Coroner (R. E. A. Webster, Esq.). Deceased was Miss Sophia Pearce, aged 66, of 1 Lincoln-cottages, Priory-road, Carisbrooke, who had been a patient at the County Hospital since the accident. Mr. S. J. Hoffman was chosen foreman of the jury. Mr. G. S. Green represented the relatives, and Mr. F. W. H. Cool appeared for the driver of the motor-car involved.

Mrs. Lena Richardson, deceased's sister, said she told her she had one foot on the kerb when struck by the car.

Joseph John Saunders, farmer, of Hebbardens, Shalfleet, said that on July 19th he was driving his motor-car with trailer towards Newport. About 50 yards from the junction of School-lane and Priory-road, travelling at about 10 miles an hour, he saw deceased walking along Priory-road in the direction of Carisbrooke. He blew his hooter and reduced his speed. When he drew abreast of her she suddenly rushed into the front of his car, the bumper of which struck her.—By Mr. Cool: When holding deceased up Mrs. Richardson said "Poor Annie, she's so deaf".

Mr. F. P. Abraham said had deceased kept a straight course Mr. Saunders would have passed her. He knew deceased, who was hard of hearing.

Dr. Florence M. Davis, house surgeon at the County Hospital, said deceased had so far recovered from a broken leg and arm, but died from bronchial pneumonia arising from the injuries received.

The jury returned a verdict that deceased had died as the result of an accident and there was no blame attaching to the driver. Jury, Coroner, and Mr. Cool, for the driver, expressed sympathy with the relatives, which was acknowledged by Mr. Green.

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