Ella Carlotta Mitchell Way

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DEATH AFTER BATHROOM FALL

At an inquest at St. Mary's Hospital on Monday on Mrs. Ella Carlotta Mitchell Way, aged 87, who for about a year had been a patient in the chronic sick ward at the hospital, the Coroner (Mr. R. E. A. Webster) returned a verdict that death was due to cardiac failure and shock resulting from a fracture of the right femur when she accidentally fell in the bathroom at the hospital. Colin Bruce Philip Mangay, a fitter welder, of Froglands, Carisbrooke, said that Mrs. Way was his wife's grandmother. She was a widow, her husband, William Henry Way, a farm labourer, having died in 1947. Beatrice Green, sister-in-charge of the Jubilee Ward, said that Mrs. Way had been a patient for 12 months with an abdominal complaint. As she improved she was able to get about. Following the fall in the bathroom her condition deteriorated and she died on Feb 23rd. Dr. Denis Michael Burley, house physician, said that Mrs. Way had every possible medical attention, but her health deteriorated due to a combination of shock and her great age.

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