

Frank Alabone

1911 England, Wales & Scotland Census
103 High-street, Newport, Isle of Wight, Hampshire, England

Name	Relationship	Status	Age	Occupation	Birthplace
<i>Frank Alabone</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>Dentist</i>	<i>Newport, IOW</i>
Ellen Saunders	Servant	Single	37	Domestic Servant	Whippingham, IOW

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NEWPORT

Well-Known Townsman's Sudden Death.—The death of Mr. Frank Alabone, of 103 High-street, which occurred suddenly early on Thursday morning, removes a member of a well-known and highly respected local family. The deceased, who was in his 73rd year, had assisted his brother in his dentistry practice. He had not been attended by a doctor for many years, and the facts concerning his sudden demise have been reported to the Deputy Coroner for the Island (F. A. Joyce, Esq.). On Monday the deceased partook of some greengage tart, and that night and the following day he suffered from what was thought to be acute indigestion. After a dose of magnesia he seemed much better, and had supper as usual on Wednesday night and retired to rest about 10 o'clock. The next morning there was no reply when the deceased was called by Miss Ellen Saunders, the housekeeper. Deceased was found lying across the bed partly dressed. A messenger was sent for the deceased's brother, and Dr. Underhill, the latter certifying that death had taken place some time previously. The inquest has been fixed for today (Saturday).

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4 September 1926

SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. FRANK ALABONE, OF NEWPORT

On Saturday the Deputy Coroner (F. A. Joyce, Esq.) held an inquest at the residence of the deceased, 103 High-street, Newport, on the body of Mr. Frank Alabone, 72, who passed away suddenly on the previous (Thursday) morning.

Alfred Alabone, 21 West End-terrace, The Mall, Newport, licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons in dentistry, identified the deceased as his brother, and said deceased had assisted him in his practice for several years. He last saw his brother alive on the previous Wednesday, at 6 p.m., and he was then in his usual health. He had not been attended by a doctor for many years. Miss Small, who had acted as surgery-maid and secretary to witness, came to his home early on Thursday morning and informed him that his brother was dead. On Tuesday morning he gave his brother some sulphate of magnesia, as he complained of pain in the chest and said he had eaten some greengage tart. On the same evening he gave deceased some medicinal paraffin, and the next day he seemed better. Deceased did not wish witness to send for a doctor.

Lily Evelyn Small, secretary and surgery-attendant to Mr. Alfred Alabone, said deceased had resided at 103 High-street for many years. Deceased had a light supper about 8 o'clock on Wednesday night and retired to bed about 10 o'clock. She heard no sound during the night. Deceased did not come down to breakfast at the usual time, and the housekeeper (Miss Ellen Saunders) told her he had not replied when

called about 8.30. The housekeeper asked her to knock at the door, and she knocked twice, but got no reply. She entered the bedroom and found deceased lying across the bed, partly dressed. Witness went at once for Mr. Alfred Alabone and Dr. Underhill, who came and pronounced life extinct.

By P.S. Collins: Deceased did not complain before going to bed.

Ellen Saunders, housekeeper to the deceased, said he had complained of feeling unwell on Tuesday, and thought it was due to indigestion. On Thursday morning she called deceased and did not get a reply. She reported this to Miss Small, who also received no answer and then entered the room and told witness Mr. Alabone was lying across the bed. At 2 o'clock on Thursday morning witness heard a slight noise in the deceased's room and lighted a candle. As the noise was not repeated she thought deceased was all right.

Dr. S. V. H. Underhill said he arrived about 9.15 on Thursday morning. Deceased was lying partly on the bed as though he had fallen back on it. He was partly dressed. Witness had not previously attended deceased. He had made a post-mortem examination, which revealed valvular disease of the heart, and there was marked deterioration and changes which denoted Bright's disease. The condition of the heart was quite sufficient to account for the death.

The Coroner said he was quite satisfied as to the cause of death, and recorded a verdict of death from natural causes in accordance with the medical evidence. He expressed his sympathy to the relatives and said he was sorry to have been under the necessity of holding an inquest, owing to the fact that deceased had not been attended by a doctor.

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