

William Grist

1901 census, 14 Drill Hall Road, Newport

<i>William Grist</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>Builder of Houses</i>	<i>Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight</i>
Julia Grist	Wife	42		Wimborne, Dorset

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NEWPORT BUILDER'S SUDDEN DEATH.

Last (Friday) evening an inquest was held at the National-schools, Newport, by the Deputy Coroner for the Island, Francis A. Joyce, Esq., on the body of Mr. William Grist, aged 53, of Drill-hall-road, Newport, a well-known and respected townsman, carrying on the business of a builder in the town, who died with painful suddenness on the previous day. Mr. W. J. Airs was chosen foreman of the jury. In the absence of the widow, who was too unwell to attend, deceased's nephew, William Frederick Barber, of Hearn-street, said deceased had apparently been in good health till the last five weeks, when he complained of pains in the stomach and had a bad cold, for which he took some medicine. On Thursday morning deceased was working at some new houses in Fairlee-road, and left about 10.30 to go to his shop for some tools. – Henry Hatcher, carman, of Clifford-street, said he walked up the street with deceased, who complained of a pain in his side and said he felt the cold. Deceased went into the Brown Jug for a little stimulant, but before he could be served he staggered and fell backwards, and died in a few minutes without saying a word. – Dr. Underhill, who attended at once and found deceased dead, stated that, with Dr. Castle, he had made a post-mortem examination and found that deceased was suffering from gastritis and cirrhosis, the liver being much enlarged, and he attributed death to syncope, caused by the intenseness of the gastritis, which was not, in his opinion, caused by anything deceased had recently eaten or took. – A verdict of death from natural causes, in accordance with the medical evidence, was returned by the jury, who expressed their sympathy with the widow.

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