

Mary Groves

1857, Congregational Chapel, Node Hill, Newport

Thomas Harvey married Mary Sanders

1871 census, 28 Trafalgar Road, Carisbrooke

Thomas Harvey Head 58 Carpenter

Newport, Hampshire

Mary Harvey *Wife* 55

Newport, Hampshire

1875

Thomas Harvey dies, 27 July, following a van accident at Shide and is buried in Carisbrooke Cemetery, Section P, plot 44

1877, St. John's Church, Carisbrooke

George Groves (widower) married Mary Harvey (nee Sanders) (widow)

1881 census, 28 Trafalgar Road, Carisbrooke

George Groves Head 65 formerly Master Mariner

Fishbourne, Hampshire

Mary Groves *Wife* 65

Carisbrooke, Hampshire

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER – 31 July 1886

NEWPORT

SAD CASE OF SUICIDE BY AN ELDERLY WOMAN – On Monday afternoon, before the deputy-coroner (Mr. E.F. Blake), an inquest was held at the Plough Inn, Newport, touching the death of Mary Groves aged 70, living at 40, Trafalgar-road. - Elizabeth Tharle 59, Carisbrooke-road, wife of Mr. H.B. Tharle, gave evidence as to nursing deceased who was in grief on account of her husband's death. She rose at 5 o'clock, and looked out of the window but she got into bed again, and was there when witness left. She said she had a pain in her head, and would like to go to sleep again. She requested witness not to send any letters up. About half-past 7 she went upstairs to tell her breakfast was ready, and found the door fastened. As she thought the deceased was asleep witness went downstairs again but returned at a quarter to 9. The door being still fastened she called out but did not receive any answer. Thinking the deceased must be ill, she informed her stepson, who communicated with Dr. Wiley. When the doctors arrived Mr. Groves broke open the door in witness's presence, and they all went into the room. - Mary Ann Mew, of 12 Tannery-place, who had been assisting at Mr. Groves' house during the last fortnight, said the deceased felt her husband's death very much, was fidgetty in her manner, and very low in spirits. In witness's opinion she was not a person who would have committed suicide. On Saturday afternoon witness saw the deceased go to the drawer in the bedroom and take out two razors. She put them back again. - George Henry Groves, of Gladstone-terrace, South Shields, stated that deceased's husband was his father. Witness arrived in Newport on Thursday night, and his father was buried on Saturday. At half-past 10 on Saturday night witness had supper with the deceased, who appeared in better spirits at the time. He had not the faintest idea that she would commit suicide. - Dr. T.O. Wiley deposed that he had been attending deceased nearly three years. On Saturday, before the funeral he looked in to see how she was. She appeared to be in her usual health. Yesterday (Sunday) morning he was sent for, and on arrival ordered the door to be broken open. He found a large lacerated wound on the left side of the deceased's neck, and two wounds on her right wrist. There was a razor quite close to her right hand on the bed, and one on the chair in a pool of blood by the side of the bed. Sent for Dr. Foster who assisted him in sewing up the wounds and making her comfortable. She was unconscious when witness first saw her, but afterwards rallied a little. When spoken loudly to she muttered indistinctly. He did not hear her ask for anything. Witness and Dr. Foster left the house shortly before 2, and he (witness) intended to call at 4. Just before that hour a messenger was sent to inform him that death had taken place. She lost a great quantity of blood. Never noticed anything to lead him to suppose she would commit suicide. The wounds were self-inflicted. Many people thought that if the pulse were cut life would become extinct, and this he thought was the object of the deceased in cutting her wrist. Everything necessary was done for her. She attempted to tear the wound open, and her arm had to be held down. The foreman of

the jury in answer to the Coroner said the deceased's mother committed suicide. - The Jury found that deceased committed suicide whilst temporarily insane.

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