

Jane Harbor

1861 England, Wales & Scotland Census Dodner, St. Nicholas, Isle of Wight, Hampshire

| Name | Relationship | Age | Occupation | Birthplace |
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| John Harbor | Head Married | 64 | Labourer at Cement Works | Brading, Isle of Wight |
| <i>Jane Harbor</i> | <i>Wife Married</i> | <i>58</i> | <i>-</i> | <i>Whippingham, IOW</i> |
| Joseph Jackman | S-in-law Widr | 32 | Able Seaman | Newport, Isle of Wight |
| George H Jackman | Grandson | 10 | Scholar | Newport, Isle of Wight |

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Suicide at Dodner. – On Wednesday morning Jane Harbor, aged 66, committed suicide by hanging herself to a beam in her cottage at Dodner. Deceased for many years was the nurse of the locality, ever ready to obey the call of her sick neighbours. The same day Mr. F. Blake, coroner, held an inquest on view of the body. John Harbor said: -- Deceased was my wife. During the last six weeks, through bad health, she has been in very low spirits, and at times her mind seemed disordered. I am in the employ of Mr. C. L. Francis of the cement works here, and occupy a cottage of his. This morning, as usual, I fetched my master's letters from Newport, and left them at my house—Medina Cottage. I then went, about 7.50, to my own cottage, and found deceased hanging by the neck to a rope from the beam. There was a chair close by her, from which she had probably stepped off. In the interim the other inmates of our cottage—my grandson and a lodger—had gone to work, and she was left alone. William Fuller, gardener to my master, came in and cut down the body, which was dead and cold.—William Fuller gave evidence as to cutting down the body, which was hanging by a clothes line. Deceased talked wildly to him on Saturday, and on previous occasions.—Mrs. Catherine Whitewood, housekeeper to Mr. C. L. Francis at Medina Cottage, had known deceased twenty years. Often carried her little presents, and chatted with her. Deceased had been very strange in her manner and talk of late. She laboured under a delusion that they were going to be turned out of the cottage, and must all go and lie down in the rain.—Verdict, “Temporary insanity.”—Mr. B. Midlane, foreman of the jury, called the coroner's attention to the hardship of men being called from their business to serve as jurors, and then denied by the county authorities the poor fee of a shilling each.—The worthy Coroner expressed regret that the fee had been cut off, and his readiness to forward a memorial on the subject from this jury to the court of quarter sessions.

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