

Robert and Thomas Harvey

1871 England, Wales & Scotland Census

18 Trafalgar Road, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight, Hampshire

Name	Relationship	Status	Age	Occupation	Birthplace
<i>Robert Harvey</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>Carpenter</i>	<i>Newport, Isle of Wight, Hampshire</i>
Tabith J Harvey	Wife	Married	41	--	St. Helens, Isle of Wight, Hampshire
Priscilla Newman	Niece	Unmarried	6	Scholar	Bembridge, Isle of Wight, Hampshire

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<i>Thomas Harvey</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>58</i>	<i>Carpenter</i>	<i>Newport, Isle of Wight, Hampshire</i>
Mary Harvey	Wife	Married	55	--	Newport, Isle of Wight, Hampshire

Hampshire Advertiser - 23 June 1875

Newport

A Terrible Van Accident at Shide Near Newport – Early on Saturday morning, Mr. Charles Salter, of Trafalgar-road, carrier, and dealer in fuel, on a journey to Niton, was driving his horse and van through Shide, the van containing a lead coffin and four men in the employ of Mr. W.C. Way, of Newport, builder. They had just passed Shide Cross when the horse, a fine powerful young animal, took fright and bolted down the road. At the turning just past the brick-kiln the off-side fore wheel struck against the bank, and the driver and Thomas and John Harvey, cousins, who sat beside him, were thrown out. On dashed the horse and van and soon the other men, Robert Harvey, a cousin of the other two Harveys, and Henry Perkins were lying on the road. All except Perkins, sustained serious injuries. Dr. Dabbs, who was in attendance on a patient in a cottage close by, immediately attended to the bleeding sufferers, and they were soon conveyed home. The three Harveys have been employed at Mr. Way's works from their boyhood, and the families of the sufferers have the deep sympathy of the inhabitants in general. On Sunday, in the churches and other places of worship in the town and neighbourhood, prayers were offered for the sufferers. On Sunday night, at 9 o'clock, Robert Harvey, of 18, Trafalgar-road, who had not been in robust health for some time previous to the accident, breathed his last. On Monday Mr. E. F. Blake, deputy coroner, held an inquest at the Barley Mow, Trafalgar-road on view of the body of Robert Harvey, aged 55. Henry Perkins, carpenter at Mr. W. C. Way's, builder deposed. About 4:15 last Saturday morning, I, with Mr. Charles Salter, went down with his horse and van and took up a lead coffin at Mr. John Allen's, which we had to convey to Niton. Salter then drove me, Thomas Harvey, John Harvey, and deceased on the road for Niton. The horse seemed fresh, and, making a slight start as he passed through Newport, beast market, was checked. Thomas and John sat by Salter, the driver, at the front of the van. As we passed St. John's district church I saw Salter's dog following the van and I drove him back. When we got as far as Shide Cross, I saw Salter's dog again running behind the van. I mentioned the fact to Salter, and said the dog must not go with us to Niton. Salter waved his whip to drive the dog back, and immediately as we were half way down the hill from Shide Cross, the horse took fright and bolted, and down by the brick-kiln corner the fore-wheel struck against the left bank and the driver and Thomas and John Harvey were thrown out. The horse swerved round from the bank, and started off again. I very soon found myself lying by a gate on the roadside. I rose, and found deceased lying on his back, nearly in the middle of the road, a long way from where I fell. I met a man as I was going to raise the deceased, whose head was gashed and covered with blood. Then Dr. Dabbs came up, and attended to the four injured men. Deceased was then unconscious, and I believe never recovered consciousness. – By

the Coroner: Salter, the driver, was sober. I have ridden with him many times, and no accident ever occurred till last Saturday morning. – John Sheath, of Lilac-cottage, Shide, deposed: On Saturday morning, about 4:30, I was up, my wife being ill, and Dr. Dabbs attending her. Hearing a noise, as of a horse running away with a van, I ran out, and saw a van going round the Barley Mow Inn. Then the last witness (Perkins) came up, and I helped him to raise deceased, who was bleeding from a gash in the head. I ran to my house for Dr. Dabbs, and he came out with me, and looked to the wounded men. – George H.R. Dabbs, M.D., said: I was at a cottage at Shide about 4:40 last Saturday morning, when I was called by the last witness. I went out at once, and found the deceased, Robert Harvey, lying perfectly unconscious against a bank, and evidently seriously injured. I made him as comfortable as I could, and then ran on to Salter and Thomas Harvey; the latter was partially conscious, but Salter was quite unconscious. I got them away in Mr. Allen's van, and took the deceased last; his injuries were not so great, but the shock to the system was severe. He had a bad scalp wound, and I knew, from attending him, that a very slight thing affected him. He rallied partially in about six hours, and swallowed a little water. He insisted on getting out of bed and walking about the room, a very common thing with persons whose head was affected in that way. Yesterday morning about 11 o'clock I saw that acute congestion of both lungs was coming on. Congestion of the brain and congestion of both lungs was the cause of death. It was suggested to me that the driver, Salter, had been drinking freely, but on carefully looking to the matter as to alcohol, I found he was perfectly sober at the time. William Williams, landlord of the Barley Mow publichouse, Shide, said, -- I was dressing and heard a van rushing by my house, and then I saw Salter's horse and van jammed up between my fence and the railway fence. I went along the road to see if anyone was hurt, and I met the witness Henry Perkins, who said to me, "Run here, Salter, Robert Harvey, and another are nearly killed." Then I saw the men bleeding in the road. The horse had been in the habit of turning into the space in front of my house when Salter called to take a glass on his way. The front spring of the van was broken, and so was the breaching. The lead coffin in the van was turned upside down. I think the spring was broken by the jar caused by the wheel striking against the bank, and that would account for the direction in which the three men on the driving seat were thrown. The horse was uninjured, and was at work quiet enough all day afterwards. Verdict, "Accidental death."

Thomas Harvey

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Newport

The Recent Terrible Van Accident at Shide – Our obituary records the death of Mr. Thomas Harvey, of Trafalgar-road, foreman to Mr. W. C. Way, builder. This the second case of death from injuries received in the recent van accident. Of Friday lockjaw came on, and about 2 p.m. on Sunday he expired. As to the two men who now lie suffering from the effects of the accident, Charles Salter, driver and owner of the van, lies in a dangerous state, and John Harvey, of Field-place, is in a fair way of recovery.

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