

Rachel Iredale

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A FATAL FALL.

On Saturday the Deputy Coroner for the Island (Mr. F.A. Joyce) held an inquest on the body of Rachel Iredale, 76, of Hill Cottage, Ash-road, Barton Village, Newport, who died on the previous day.

The evidence showed that the deceased, who lived with her niece, Alice Kneettle, had been ill, suffering from dropsy, etc. On the 22nd ult. she was sitting up in her room alone, whilst her daughter was at business, when she heard a knock at the door from the boy who brought her groceries. She attempted to walk downstairs, but missed her footing on the top and fell to the bottom. Mr. Wendes, living next door, hearing the noise of the fall, went in and found her lying at the foot of the stairs, with her head, face, and hands injured. Dr. McKay attended the deceased, who was suffering from severe shock and bruising. She lingered on till the 5th inst.

The doctor attributed death to shock, accelerated by the accidental fall, and the jury returned a verdict accordingly.

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