

## **Katie Maud Jones**

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### **NEWPORT DROWNING CASE.**

On Saturday afternoon Mr. E. F. Blake held an inquest at the Bedford Arms, Newport, on the body of Katie Maud Jones, aged 16 months, daughter of a sawyer, of Upper Field-place. Deceased had been found in Westminster Mill pond on the previous day by Mr. W. Dove, jun. - It appeared that the mother last saw the child alive about five p.m. She was then in company with a little girl living near, in the road at the foot of which the mill stream passed. When the mother missed the child she went to the little girl, who said she left deceased at her mother's gate about ten minutes previous. It appeared that in the interval the deceased had toddled down to the edge of the mill stream, which is about two feet deep, and tumbled in. An hour's endeavour to restore animation proved unavailing. - A verdict of "Accidental drowning" was returned, and the Coroner promised to write to the Corporation or the owner of the strip of land leading from the road to the stream asking that a fence of some kind should be erected at the spot.

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