Lilian Rose Kent

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CHARGED WITH MURDERING HIS SISTER

CARISBROOKE SMALLHOLDER REMANDED IN CUSTODY

WILLIAM ALFRED KENT (58), smallholder, of Mill Bank, 22 Castle Street, Carisbrooke, was charged at Newport on Thursday with the murder of his 61-year-old sister, Miss Lilian Rose Kent, at breakfast time that morning.

The cottage where the two Kent brothers and their sister lived is near the ford at the bottom of Castle Street, opposite the Wayfarer's Chapel. Miss Kent ran a greengrocers' shop in Lower St. James's Street, Newport.

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POLICEMAN'S EVIDENCE

P.C. Malcolm Parry said that a 999 call was received at 7.32 a.m. and he arrived at the cottage at 7.40 a.m. He saw a man, whom he identified as the accused standing outside the house and said to him "What has happen here?" The man replied "I have shot my sister."

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INQUEST ADJOURNED

The Coroner (Mr. J. V. Bullin) opened the inquest at Ryde yesterday when evidence of identification was given by Mr. Albert Kent, of 2 Hunnyhill, Newport.

P.C. M. Parry told the Coroner that at 11.35 a.m. on Thursday he charged William Alfred Kent with the murder of his sister. Later in the day Kent appeared before an occasional court and was remanded in custody until Monday.

Dr. P. D. Swainstead said a post-mortem examination revealed that death was caused by a gun shot wound.

After consulting Chief Inspector P. W. Baldwin the Coroner adjourned the inquest until January 2nd.

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CARISBROOKE

The Late Miss L. R. Kent. – The funeral took place at Carisbrooke cemetery on Tuesday of Miss Lilian Rose Kent, of 22 Castle Street. The vicar (the Rev. J. Souttar) officiated. The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. A. Kent and Mr. and Mrs. V. Kent (brothers and sisters-in-law). Interment was in the grave of Miss Kent's father.

Isle of Wight County Press – 15 December 1962

CARISBROOKE SMALLHOLDER 'GUILTY BUT INSANE'

MURDER CHARGE AT HAMPSHIRE ASSIZES.

In a trial lasting less than an hour at Hampshire Assizes at Winchester on Monday, William Alfred Kent, a 58-year-old smallholder, of 22 Castle Street, Carisbrooke, was found guilty but insane of the capital murder of his sister Lilian. Mr. Justice Glyn-Jones ordered that he should be kept in custody as a Broadmoor patient until Her Majesty's pleasure is known. The jury did not retire to reach their verdict.

[proceedings not transcribed
- *it explains that William A. Kent had delusions that he was being poisoned by his sister.]*

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The death of William Alfred Kent was recorded on the Island in March 1982, his brothers Victor and Albert making an acknowledgement in the County Press, 19 March 1982.

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