

William Langley

1891 census – 42 Elm Grove, Carisbrooke

<i>William Langley</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>Millwright</i>	<i>Whippingham, Isle of Wight</i>
Emma J Langley	Wife	50		Whitwell, Isle of Wight
Frank Langley	Son	16	Groom	Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight
Harry Langley	Son	13	Clerk, Railway Office	Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight
Arthur D Langley	Son	11	Scholar	Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight
Ernest E Langley	Son	7	Scholar	Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight

Portsmouth Evening News, Saturday 28 April 1894

SHOCKING FATALITY AT NEWPORT

Yesterday the Coroner (Mr. E.F. Blake) held an inquest at the Sir John Barleycorn, Trafalgar-road, Newport, touching the death of William Langley, an engineer and millwright, who, on the previous day, succumbed to injuries received at the Vectis Iron Works, Newport. – Alfred Barter, engine driver at the works, said that on the previous Tuesday afternoon he was assisting the deceased to move part of a lathe. Deceased placed a ladder some 18 inches from a running shaft and went up to fix a sling chain round a beam, witness going to another part of the shop. On looking round he saw that deceased's clothes were winding round the shaft, and ran towards the engine to stop the machine, which, however, stopped by itself by the clog in the shaft. He and other workmen took deceased down, cutting his clothes from the shaft. He was quite sensible and said he did not think he was hurt very much. He had seen deceased work in the same position before and did not consider it careless to work there. The sleeve of deceased's waistcoat caught in the shaft, and he believed that a piece of waste hanging out of his waistcoat pocket became entangled first. There were no wheels or belts requiring protection near where deceased was, and he considered there was no carelessness on the part of anyone. – Answering H.M.'s Factory Inspector (Mr. Harston), witness said he had seen deceased working nearly in the same position before. He received no instruction at all from his employers as to how he should do the work. – John Osborne, fitter, who was working at a grindstone near, said he looked up just in time to see deceased's legs go up to the ceiling, part of his body being on the shaft. Deceased complained of a pain in the back of his neck. The doctor arrived quickly, and he was taken home at once. There was nothing in the position of the shaft to render it dangerous. – Frank Langley, son of deceased, said his father told him that he had some waste in his waistcoat pocket when he went up the ladder to fix the chain. Somehow or other he must have over-reached himself, and the waste becoming entangled with the machinery, his waistcoat was drawn round the shaft. Deceased said it was a pure accident, and that no one was to blame. – Dr. Foster said deceased was suffering from entire paralysis of the lower part of the body, occasioned by injuries to the spinal column. – A verdict of accidental death was returned.

[A report in the Southern Echo identifies the workshop as being "Messrs. Whittome and Co.'s, Upper St. James's-street, Newport ... [formerly] carried on by Mr. B. Urry."]

The Evening News, Tuesday May 1, 1894

NEWPORT

FUNERAL OF LANGLEY. – The remains of the late William Langley, who died last week from injuries received at the Vectis Iron Works, took place at Carisbrooke Cemetery on Sunday afternoon in the presence of a large gathering, including members of the Hand-in-Hand Friendly Society, of which deceased was a member, with the clerks (Mr. Councillor Salter and Mr. H. Harvey) and the fellow employees of deceased, who acted as bearers.

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