

Walter Leal

1881 census, 9 Melbourne Street, Carisbrooke

<i>Walter Leal</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>Bricklayer</i>	<i>Arreton, Hampshire</i>
Mary A. Leal	Wife	Married	53		Newport, Hampshire
James Leal	Son		23	Bricklayer (Unemployed)	Carisbrooke, Hampshire
Ernest Leal	Son		17	Bricklayer (Unemployed)	Carisbrooke, Hampshire
Albert Leal	Son		12	Scholar	Carisbrooke, Hampshire

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SUDDEN DEATH OF A LICENSED VICTUALLER.

On Monday afternoon an inquest was held at the Bedford Arms, Newport, before the coroner for the Island, E. F. Blake, Esq., on the body of Mr. Walter Leal, landlord of that house, whose death occurred suddenly on the previous Saturday afternoon.

Frank Cassford, son-in-law of the deceased, said deceased was 60 years old. Witness saw deceased at breakfast time on Saturday morning, and he then appeared in about his usual health. Deceased then went to his regular work at Messrs. W. B. Mew, Langton, and Co's brewery. Saw again at dinner time, between twelve and half-past, when he appeared to be in the same good health and ate a hearty dinner. Saw him again at half-past five o'clock. About five or ten minutes after that witness was standing in the bar when he heard the servant call out for Mrs. Leal, saying that some one was groaning out at the back. Witness at once went out and saw deceased lying on his back. Lifted him up, and with assistance took him into the house and laid him on the sofa. Then sent for the doctor, who came immediately. Deceased groaned once after being picked up. In answer to a juryman, witness said deceased made no signs whatever before he left the room.

Dr. Hutton Castle said he only knew the deceased by sight. On being sent for on the day in question he attended at once and found deceased lying on the sofa, and to all appearance he was dead. Thought his heart gave two or three faint pulsations after he saw him. Applied artificial respiration without success. From the general appearance he was of the belief that death was caused by the sudden failure of the heart's action and syncope. Had made a careful external examination of the body, and he had no doubt that deceased died from natural causes.

The jury, of whom Mr. R. Roche was foreman, returned a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony.

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