

Henry Tarrant Lewis

1871 Census, 34 West Street, Newport

<i>Henry T Lewis</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>Ironmonger's shopman</i>	<i>Newport, Hampshire</i>
Caroline Lewis	Wife	34		Newport, Hampshire
Ellen Lewis	Daughter	11	Scholar	Newport, Hampshire

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THE LATE FATAL ACCIDENT. — An inquest was held on Saturday afternoon at the George Hotel, before Frederick Blake, Esq., Coroner for the Island, touching the death of Henry Lewis, who was killed by falling off the Cowes railway platform and an engine passing over him. The jury chose Mr. T. Halliday as foreman, and after viewing the body, which was lying at the Market-House, the following evidence was given: Charles Redstone Upward, a joiner, identified the body as that of Henry Lewis, who was his brother-in-law, and lived at West-street, Newport. He was foreman to Mr. Cantelo, gunsmith. — John Legg, of St. Mary's-street, said he was a porter employed at Cowes Railway-station. He last saw deceased standing near the book stall a little after 6 o'clock. Deceased arrived from Newport by the 4.35 train, and was leaning against the book stall. If deceased wanted to go to Newport he would have to wait for the 7.15 train. Witness went into the waiting room and did not see the deceased again until he was dead. When the train arrived at 6.35 witness was on the platform. The train was due at 6.28. Witness observed a bumping of the carriages, and thought the engine had left the rails. He ran with the engine driver and guard to examine the place, and saw the body of the deceased lying across the line with his legs against the wall. The engine had passed over him, and one carriage, which was partly resting on the body when the train had stopped. The legs were clear of the rails. The engine was going very steadily. A lamp was burning nearly opposite the place where the body was found. — Mr. Upward, re-called, stated that the deceased's eyesight was defective. — George Dew said he was the engine driver of the train which arrived at 6.35. He did not see anything whatever on the rails, and should not have observed anything on a dark night. He felt the engine go over something rather lightly. Witness got down, and on looking back saw the brake van mount, and on looking back saw something between the wheels, and called to his stoker to stop and pull up. He then took the lamp and found the deceased. — Dr. William Hoffmeister, M.D., said he was sent for at twenty minutes to seven on Friday to go at once to the Railway Station to see the deceased. He went at once, and found him lying on his back between the rails with his head towards the station, the rest of his body all doubled up. He was quite dead, but the body was warm. After his removal he made a post-mortem examination. Witness here described the nature of the injuries. The cause of death, which was instantaneous, was due to the fractured spine and other internal injuries, either of which was sufficient to cause instant death. The effect of the fall caused by the wound in the forehead was sufficient to stun deceased. — The Coroner briefly summed up. — The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death."

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