

Eli Morgan

1861 Census, Chillerton, Carisbrooke

Eli	Morgan	Head	40	Blacksmith	Isle of Wight, Chillerton, Hampshire
Eliza	Morgan	Wife	48	Laceworker	Isle of Wight, Shide, Hampshire
Eliza	Morgan	Daughter	11		Isle of Wight, Chillerton, Hampshire
Anne	Morgan	Daughter	8		Isle of Wight, Chillerton, Hampshire

1871 Census, Shoedown, Chillerton, Carisbrooke

Eli	Morgan	Head (Widower)	50	Blacksmith	Carisbrooke, Hampshire
Eliza	Morgan	Daughter (Unmarried)	21	Housekeeper	Carisbrooke, Hampshire
Ada M	Morgan	Granddaughter	3		Carisbrooke, Hampshire
James D	Morgan	Grandson	7 months		Carisbrooke, Hampshire

Hampshire Advertiser – 12 November 1873

NEWPORT

THE BLACKSMITH OF CHILLERTON FOUND DROWNED. On Sunday morning, about 2 o'clock, the body of Mr. Eli Morgan, of Chillerton Green, Blacksmith, was found in the water on the east side of the town quay. Deceased was in town on Saturday afternoon on business, and it is supposed that he stumbled over a vessel's rope in the evening, and fell over the quay, and was stunned by striking his head against the quay or a vessel lying close by. Deceased, about 60 years of age, was a widower.

Hampshire Advertiser – 15 November 1873

NEWPORT

CORONER'S INQUEST. – Mr. E.F. Blake, deputy-coroner, held an inquest on Tuesday at the Fountain Inn, Sea-street, on view of the body of Eli Morgan. – James Knight, labourer, deposed that he and a companion were on the Quay early on Sunday morning, and saw the dead body of a man lying, face downwards, on the mud. He then gave information to the police. – Ann Morgan deposed that she was the daughter of the deceased. He was a blacksmith, and lived at Chillerton. She last saw him on Saturday afternoon, at half-past one, when he left home, saying he was going to Newport. She had no reason for supposing he had committed suicide. Deceased occasionally indulged too freely in drink, and at such times he did not know what he was about. He was 53 years of age. – Police-sergeant Tiley deposed that he received information on Sunday morning, and saw deceased lying in the water close by the Quay. Deceased was dragged out by means of ropes. The sum of £1 2s 5d was found upon him. – Mr. Edward Allan Waterworth, surgeon, deposed that when he saw deceased at 9 o'clock on Sunday morning he had been dead some hours. There was a slight bruise on his forehead, but that was not sufficient to cause death. – George Hunt deposed that he saw deceased last on Saturday night, about half-past eight, when he left the George Inn, and witness believed he was quite sober then. – Verdict, "Accidentally drowned." – One of the jury spoke of the dangerous state of the Quay, there being no railing or chain round it to prevent people from falling into the river on a dark night. Three persons had recently been drowned there. – Another juryman suggested that a chain should be put across the upper part of the Quay. – The Deputy-Coroner said he agreed with the views

expressed by the jury respecting the unsafe condition of the Quay, and he would speak to the Town Clerk about the matter.

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