

Thomas Pollard

1861 Census, Carisbrooke Street, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight, Hampshire

Name	Relationship	Status	Age	Occupation	Birthplace
Priscilla Larkham	Head	Widow	52	Laundress	Shalfleet, Isle of Wight
Benjamin Larkham	Son	Unmarried	27	Labourer	Shalfleet, Isle of Wight
Jane Larkham	Daughter	Unmarried	22	Laundress	Shalfleet, Isle of Wight
John Edwin Larkham	Grandson	--	10	Scholar	Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight
Fanny Louise Larkham	Granddaughter	--	4	Scholar	Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight
<i>Thomas Pollard</i>	<i>Brother</i>	<i>Unmarried</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>Mariner</i>	<i>Shalfleet, Isle of Wight</i>

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(*Note: reference to Ann and Benjamin Lockhart in the report below appear to actually refer to Ann and Benjamin Larkham*)

A Fatal Accident. – On Monday last an inquest was held at the Bugle-inn, before Mr. E. F. Blake, deputy coroner, on the body of Thomas Pollard, labourer, 42 years of age, who met his death by falling down stairs on the previous Saturday afternoon. –Ann Lockhart, wife of Benjamin Lockhart, said deceased was my uncle by marriage and lodged at my house with other relatives. On Tuesday last he came in about 1 o'clock in the day and sat down in a chair in the back kitchen, where he remained about five or ten minutes and then went upstairs. About an hour after we heard a rush, as if he were coming down, and then as if some one had fallen down stairs. I went out and found him lying at the bottom of the stairs, on his back, with his head on one side, and blood coming from his right ear. I tried to lift him up but could not, and I then went out for assistance, and Mr. Redstone, of the post-office, came in, and we got him into the front room. We then thought he was only stunned. In an hour after Dr. Wilkins was sent for, who came at once and bled him, and at 20 minutes to 4 the next morning he died. He remained insensible from the first to the last, and never moved hand or foot. –Mrs. Larkham, his sister, and Mr. Pollard, his mother and sister, were present at the death. When he came in he was rather the worse for drink, and I followed him up the stairs, in case he fell as he had fallen down the stairs three years ago. I don't know why he was coming down stairs so soon, as he usually remained four or five hours after he had been drinking. –Priscilla Larkham, sister of the deceased, who was in the house at the time of the accident, corroborated the foregoing evidence. –Benjamin Pollard, residing in Chapel-street, Newport, brother of deceased, said he came up to Carisbrooke on Saturday to see his brother, and found him lying on the floor in the front room. He was quite insensible. They were applying vinegar to his head, which was much swollen. He saw no bruise or cut. He remained with deceased until he died. He was not sensible at all. –Dr. Wilkins, of Newport, deposed he was sent for last Saturday afternoon, about 4 o'clock. He went at once and found deceased on a mattress in the front room. Deceased was quite insensible. He bled him, but it had no apparent result. He considered him in a highly-dangerous state. He ordered counter irritation to the feet and head, which was applied. He did not see him again alive. He found the right side of the head bruised but no cut. The skull was fractured, causing compression on the brain, which, no doubt, was the cause of death. Such an accident as described by the witnesses would cause such a bruise. All seemed very kindly disposed toward him. –The jury, without hesitation, returned a verdict, “The death was caused by injuries received by falling accidentally down the stairs.”

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