

Mary Jane Sheen

1901 Census – Great Park, Carisbrooke

Thomas Sheen	Head	62	Stockman on farm	Somerset
Mary Sheen	Wife	61		Sparkford, Somerset
Harry Sheen	Son	19	Gardener	Chillerton, Isle of Wight
Harry Rann (widower)	Boarder	42	Carter on farm	Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight

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SUDDEN DEATH NEAR CARISBROOKE

The Deputy Coroner (F.A. Joyce, Esq.) held an inquest at New Park Farm, Carisbrooke, on Saturday afternoon last, on the body of Mrs. Mary Jane Sheen, the wife of Mr. Thomas Sheen of Great Park-cottages, who died on the previous Friday morning, as briefly reported in last week's *County Press*. – Mr. Charles Hibbard was chosen foreman of the jury, and Insp. Cass and P.C. Edwards were in attendance. Thomas Sheen identified the body as that of his wife, Mary Jane Sheen, who was 68 years of age. He related how on Thursday night they both went to bed just after 10 o'clock and his wife was then in her usual health. She had been busy all the evening right up to bed-time and did not complain at all. She had been working at the farm for four hours during the day doing dairy work. About 12.30 in the morning he was awakened by his wife making a peculiar noise with her throat, and thinking it was an unusual sound he got a light as quickly as possible and saw her breathe her last. He then sent for assistance and also for the doctor. Dr. Thompson arrived very shortly afterwards. Dr. C.J. Thompson deposed that from the appearance of the deceased, who had suffered a great deal from rheumatism, he thought she died from heart failure. He saw her last on the 5th of April, when she complained of being run down and generally out of condition. He understood that they had had notice to leave at Michaelmas, owing to the present farmer giving up the place, and the husband said she had been worrying about it, but seemed to have got over it. The jury returned a verdict that death was due to heart failure.

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