

William Hearn Urry

1871 census, 46 New street, Carisbrooke

William Urry	Head	46	Ostler	Newport, Hampshire
Ann Urry	Wife	44		Newport, Hampshire
Emma Urry	Daughter	17	Scholar	Newport, Hampshire
Edith Urry	Daughter	13	Scholar	Newport, Hampshire
Fanny Urry	Daughter	11	Scholar	Newport, Hampshire
Kate Urry	Daughter	9	Scholar	Newport, Hampshire
Jessy Urry	Daughter	7	Scholar	Newport, Hampshire
Alfred W Urry	Son	5	Scholar	Newport, Hampshire
Ada M Urry	Daughter	2		Newport, Hampshire
Mary Salter	Mother-in-law	74	Parish relief	Carisbrooke, Hampshire

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ISLE OF WIGHT.

NEWPORT.

MELANCHOLY SUICIDE. - F. Blake, Esq., Coroner for the Isle of Wight held an inquest on Tuesday, at the "Wagon and Horses," public-house, Crocker-street, Newport, on the body of William Hearn Urry, aged 52 years. — Henry Snellgrove said that morning, at a quarter past eight o'clock, as he was standing at his master's door, Lower St James's-street, the deceased came down the street in the direction of the Railway Station, where he was employed as a porter. He spoke to him, and alluded to the staff at the Railway Station burning his effigy; but he was not at all put out, and seemed quite in his usual manner. - James Chessell said he was in the employ of Mr. Durnford, of St. Cross Farm, and about half-past eight o'clock that morning William Urry passed through the farm-yard in the direction of the Railway Station, and the deceased said "Good morning," and walked with him for about twelve yards. When they parted the deceased was going in the direction of the Mill-dam. The deceased appeared in his usual spirits, and he did not observe anything strange about him. Within ten minutes afterwards he assisted Charles Cooper to take him out of the water, the depth of which was not more than four feet. The bridge across the stream was railed off on each side, and no one could fall over. The deceased was perfectly sober when he spoke to him, and he appeared to be dead when taken out of the pond. — Charles Cooper, miller, St. Cross Mill, said he knew the deceased, and as he (witness) was passing through the yard at half-past eight o'clock that morning he looked across the garden to see if the water of the mill-pond were up, and in doing so he observed something black in the water, and an umbrella standing against the inside of the railway. He instantly ran to the side of the water, jumped into it, and lifted the deceased out. The water was not five feet deep, and the deceased was lying forward in a stooping position, and the back of his head just out of the water. There was no opening in the rails of the bridge, and he must have gone inside the rail before he could reach the water. The bridge across the stream was not the usual way to the railway-station. The postman Meech and the last witness assisted him to lift the body out of the water. He went for the police, and Dr. Beckingsale was immediately sent for. If a man five feet four inches in height had fallen into the water, which was the height of the deceased, he could have saved himself, as there was a hard bottom at the place where he was found. - Mrs. Ann Urry said the deceased was her husband, and was a parcel porter at the Newport and Cowes Railway station. He left his home to go to his work at eight o'clock that morning. He washed himself before he left and had some tea, but he did not eat anything. He seldom ate anything at breakfast, but

generally partook of a hearty dinner and supper. She did not observe anything unusual in his manner. On Saturday last he accidentally broke a jar of whiskey by its falling off a truck, and he was troubled about its payment. She had been informed by her son that his father's effigy had been burnt at the "Railway Tavern" on the previous evening. The deceased was disposed to drink, but not to such a degree as to become tipsy. Of late he had become very irritable. — Police-constable Salter said that morning he was sent for, and hastened in the direction of St. Cross Mill Pond he met four men carrying the deceased to the "Waggon and Horses" on a stretcher, and immediately afterwards Dr. Beckingsale arrived and made use of means to resuscitate the deceased. On searching him he found £1. 15s. 2½d. upon him, which he now produced. - Mr Greenwood said he was Station Master, and the deceased was employed as parcel porter, which situation he had held for two years. During that period he had always found him straightforward and honest. In examining his book he found the deceased had to account to the company for the sum of £3.19s.1d., but the money produced by the constable, and the various sums not collected, with a fortnight's wages at 16s. per week, would more than cover the whole sum. He had been told that he had some times since borrowed £2. to meet his accounts, which sum he had not yet paid. Although the young men of the staff sometimes chaffed the deceased, yet he was well liked by them, and the burning of an effigy was only done in the way of a lark. The jar of whiskey he broke was valued at £1.15s. but after deducting the excise duty, it would cost considerably less. - Dr. Beckingsale having given evidence the jury returned a verdict of "Found Drowned," but that there was not sufficient evidence to show what state of mind deceased was in at the time.

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