

Edward William Way

1881 census – 9 Field Place, Carisbrooke

Edward Way	Head	47	Bricklayer	Arreton, Hampshire
Jane Way	Wife	41		Fareham, Hampshire
Henry Way	Son	18	Blacksmith	Newport, Hampshire
<i>Edward Way</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Bricklayers Labourer</i>	<i>Newport, Hampshire</i>
Thomas Way	Son	12	Scholar	Newport, Hampshire
Hannah Way	Daughter	8	Scholar	Shide, Hampshire
Arthur Way	Son	5	Scholar	Shide, Hampshire
George Way	Son	2		Newport, Hampshire

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NEWPORT

FATAL RESULT OF A FIGHT AT NEWPORT

The Deputy-Coroner for the Isle of Wight (Mr. E. F. Blake) held an inquest on Wednesday morning at the Guildhall, Newport, relative to the death of Edward William Way, labourer, aged 24 years, living with his parents in Field-place, Carisbrooke-road, whose death resulted from a fight in which he was engaged on Sunday night, the 12th inst. Mr A. S. Estcourt, LL.B., appeared to watch the case on behalf of the landlord of the Cranbourne Inn, St James's-street, in which house the deceased and others had been on the night in question, while the Deputy-Chief-Constable (Mr. H. C. Stephenson) and Inspector Greenleaf watched the case on behalf of the police.

The first witness called was Isaac Hall, 3, Orchard-street, labourer, who deposed that on Sunday evening, the 12th inst., he was at the Cranbourne publichouse. There were several there, including the deceased. Directly after he got there a quarrel began between Way and a man named Jeffery, about some gravel. Deceased challenged Jeffery to fight, and they both went outside into the street. Jeffery refused to fight, and deceased then ran several times at Leonard Taylor, who pushed him away, and the last time he did so Way fell. He got up and again came at Taylor, striking him in the chest. Taylor said "I can't stand this," and told deceased to stop it. Way, however, struck him again, and Taylor returned the blow, knocking the deceased down. They continued fighting, and Way was knocked down four times altogether. The last time he fell he pulled Taylor down with him. Way did not get up till one of them helped him to rise. While on the ground he complained of a pain in his inside. Deceased was unable to stand, and, with assistance, witness got the deceased into Union-street, where he lay down again, and was sick. After getting Way as far as the back of the Drill-hall, a man named Russell went to the deceased's home for help. His mother came and assisted them in getting him home, where they left him downstairs. Both men, said the witness, were the worse for drink.

George Moorman, Orchard-street, labourer, was present, and saw the fight between the deceased and Taylor. They had several rounds, and fell often. The last time they fell Way pitched on to his back, and Taylor fell backwards on to his (deceased's) stomach. The latter got up, but Way only sat up in the road. After getting deceased in St John's-road, witness went for his clothes, and took them to him. He afterwards saw Russell, and sent him to Way. In reply to the Deputy-Coroner, the witness said the deceased was fighting for ten minutes or a quarter of an hour. The two men had had beer, but were not drunk.

Thomas Russell, 15, Union-street, labourer, corroborated as to the fighting, but said Taylor did not fall backwards on to Way, but face downwards. Taylor repeatedly told deceased he wanted nothing to do with him when asked to fight.

Jane Way, the wife of Edward Way, bricklayer, living in Field-place, said the deceased was her son. When brought home on the 12th inst., witness washed the blood from his head, and deceased

said "My dear mother, I shall die to-night." There was a big hole in the back of his head. They got deceased to bed, and he complained of dreadful pains in his stomach. On Monday morning Dr. Castle was sent for, and attended him till his death, which took place on Sunday night.

Dr Hutton Castle proved making an external examination of the deceased when he called to see him on Monday. On Thursday he regarded the deceased's case as serious. Way said he had been knocked about, but did not say by whom. On Tuesday he made a post mortem examination. All the organs of the abdomen showed signs of acute peritonitis. There was a very large quantity of fluid effused in the abdominal cavity. Peritonitis was due to a rupture. The rupture might be caused by a heavy weight falling on the deceased.

The Deputy-Coroner having summed up, the room was then cleared for the jury to consider their verdict, and after a few minutes' consultation they brought in a verdict of manslaughter against Leonard Taylor, who was in court in Militia uniform. He was then arrested by Inspector Greenleaf, and conveyed to the Police-station.

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HAMPSHIRE SUMMER ASSIZES.

**CROWN COURT. – MONDAY
(Before Mr. Justice DENMAN)**

NO BILLS.

.....The grand jury also ignored the bill against Leonard Taylor, committed on a Coroner's warrant for the manslaughter of Edward William Way, at Carisbrooke, on May 19th.

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