

Mary Ann West

1911 Census – Clatterford, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight

Charles West	Head	63	Carter Gravels	Fortingtonbridge, Hampshire
Mary Ann West	Wife	66		Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight

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CARISBROOKE

SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS. C. WEST. - Much sympathy is felt with Mr. Charles West, of Clatterford Hill, in the death of his wife, which took place with painful suddenness on Monday. The Deputy Coroner (F. A. Joyce, Esq.) held an inquest on the body at Castlehurst on Wednesday. Mr. F. Griffin was Foreman of the jury. Mr. West stated that his wife was 71 years of age. Up to the day of her death she had been in very good health. She had not been medically attended for many years. On Monday morning, at about 4.10, he came downstairs and said good-bye to her. He was away at work all day, and when he returned in the evening his wife was dead. She had not been complaining of her health. Mrs. Ellen Sheen, wife of Sergt.-Major J. Sheen, R.G.A., residing next door to the deceased, said that at about 9.30 on Monday morning she went in to see the deceased and found her downstairs. She said she was not feeling at all well, and thought she had a bilious attack. Witness remained with her for about half an hour. At about 11 o'clock she again saw her, and she was not better. At about 1 o'clock witness once more went in and deceased told her she still felt very ill and cold. She had been suffering from sickness all the morning. Witness's little girl fetched her a bottle of soda water, and when the witness returned with it at about 2.30 p.m. she found that deceased had passed away as she sat in her chair by the fireside. Deceased did not appear to have been in failing health previously. In reply to the Foreman witness said that deceased was out in her garden on Sunday and did her household work as usual.

Dr. C. J. Thompson, of Newport, said he knew the deceased well, but had not previously attended her. Between 3 and 4 o'clock on Monday afternoon he received a telephone message to come and see the deceased, who was very ill, but on his arrival he found her dead. He had since made a post-mortem examination of the body and found that her heart was in an advanced state of fatty degeneration. The right side was practically all fat, and there were gall stones in the body, one very large. He should think the attack of sickness deceased had was due to gall-stone colic, which brought on heart failure. It would not have been surprising, having regard to the state of the heart, if the deceased had collapsed at any time. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence, and the Foreman expressed the deep sympathy of the jury with Mr. West in his bereavement.

The funeral took place at Carisbrooke cemetery on Thursday in the presence of many relatives and friends. The mourners included the husband, five daughters, and four sons, two of whom were in khaki.

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