

James William Drudge

1881 census – No 20 Scarrotts Lane, Newport

George Wheeler	Head	40	General Laborer	Newport, I.W.
Carolina Wheeler	Wife	44		Newport, I.W.
James W. Drudge	Step Son	17	General Laborer	Canada
Ada M. Drudge	Step Daughter	10	Scholar	Newport, I.W.
Annie M. Wheeler	Daughter	6	Scholar	Newport, I.W.
George C. Wheeler	Son	2		Newport, I.W.
John Campbell	Lodger	25	General Laborer	Newport, I.W.
Yelf Lodger	Lodger	30	General Laborer	Newport, I.W.

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NEWPORT

FATAL FALL FROM A HAYRICK.—On Monday the Deputy Coroner for the Island held an inquest at Great East Standen farm, on the body of James William Drudge, a labourer, whose death was caused by falling from a hayrick.—Robert Way, wheelwright, of Newport, who worked on the farm on Saturday last, said he heard the deceased's cries for help. He asked for assistance, saying, "I am bleeding to death." Witness procured him restoratives, but these the injured man could not take. The deceased must have fallen from the hayrick, a distance of about nine feet —Dr Foster, of Newport, said he saw the deceased on Saturday morning, but he was then quite dead. There was a wound on the right breast, about an inch in depth, but this in itself was not sufficient to cause death. He also noticed a displacement. Without making a post-mortem examination he could not positively state what injuries had been sustained. Verdict "Died from injuries sustained by a fall from a hayrick".

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