

Elizabeth Fanny Ince

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NEWPORT

OCTOGENARIAN'S FATAL FALL. – On Saturday the Deputy Coroner (F. A. Joyce, Esq) held an inquest at 43 Lugley-street on the body of Elizabeth Fanny Ince, aged 87, widow of Thomas Ince, who had been living there with her son, Mr. Henry J. Ince, for many years. The last-named said that on the evening of the 7th ult., he was working in his workshop when he heard a noise as if some one had fallen downstairs, and on going into the passage he saw deceased lying on her left side at the foot of the stairs. She had just previously said something about closing a window upstairs, and had apparently gone to do it, though there was no need for her to do so. He sent for a doctor, and everything possible was done for her. Deceased could not explain how she came to fall; she said that it all happened in a moment. Dr. Underhill said he arrived quickly and found deceased suffering from severe shock, contusions, and bruising, the injuries being consistent with a fall downstairs. Deceased would have fallen heavily, and being so aged she bruised more readily. She appeared to be getting over the shock, when she developed bronchitis about 10 days ago, and gradually got worse and died on the previous (Friday) morning. But for the fact that she was exceptionally healthy, she could not have lived so long as she did. She did not recover sufficiently to say exactly what happened. He attributed death to bronchitis accelerated by the shock of the accidental fall. The Coroner, in returning a verdict accordingly, said such a fall was a common occurrence with old people. No blame attached to any one, and he was sure that deceased received every care and attention. He expressed sympathy with the family in the occurrence. Insp. Evans was present on behalf of the police.

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