

## **Florence Edith Keith**

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### **NEWPORT**

**Death Follows Fall.**—The Coroner (Mr. R. E. A. Webster) held an inquest at Forest House on Tuesday on Mrs. Florence Edith Keith, aged 76, formerly of 29a Quay-street, and an inmate at the Institution since August, who died at St. Mary's Hospital on Saturday.

Dr. C. K. Sylvester said that on September 13th he examined Mrs. Keith, who was suffering from a fracture of the arm and bruising on the face. She made satisfactory progress, but on November 30th complained of a cold. Later that day she collapsed and dies shortly afterwards. Death was due to senile cardial vascular degeneration. She had been very feeble and he was of the opinion that the fracture might have accelerated her death.

Charles Henry Reece, metal sorter, of 29a Quay-street, said he had known deceased for 26 years. She was the widow of John Keith, a herbalist. For the last two years she had been very feeble. Nurse Elizabeth Margaret Williams said that she was on night duty on September 12th-13th. At 6.20 a.m. she gave the patients their washing bowls and had to go outside to fetch three more. On returning she found Mrs. Keith on her back on the floor. She did not complain of a pain and witness saw no signs of any bruising. Witness helped her back into bed and deceased washed herself and afterwards drank a cup of tea.

Nurse Anona Wylie said that later on September 13th deceased was given an X-ray and found to be suffering from a fractured arm. Her face was bruised and she was suffering from shock. Nurse Williams, recalled, said there were no signs of bruising when she went off duty just before 8 a.m. The Coroner recorded a verdict of death from natural causes in accordance with the medical evidence. The funeral took place on Wednesday at Newport Cemetery.

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