

## Lucy Sheath

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### NEWPORT

**The Late Mrs. L. Sheath.**—Mr. F. A. Joyce (deputy Coroner) held an inquiry at St. Mary's Hospital on Saturday into the death of Mrs. Lucy Sheath, aged 77, who passed away at the hospital on Wednesday. P.S. Denness and P.C. Corney represented the police. Mrs. Fanny Wapshott, of 5 Lower St. James's-street Newport, stated that deceased was her mother, and had formerly lived with Mrs. Bull, of Combley Farm Cottages. Mr. Ernest Edward Stevens, male attendant at Forest House, said that the deceased had a fall in the old women's ward on August 13th. No one was near her at the time, it appeared that she had slipped on the linoleum. Miss Annis Watson Irwin, acting superintendent nurse at St. Mary's Hospital, said that deceased was treated at the hospital for heart trouble, her condition improved, and she was transferred to Forest House on May 16th. On August 16th last she was readmitted to the hospital, suffering from a fractured femur as a result of the fall, but started to fail in November. On Wednesday witness was called to her bedside, and found her in a state of collapse, and she died at 11.20 a.m. Dr. C. K. Sylvester, medical officer, stated that death was due to heart trouble, accelerated by the shock of the fall, and the Coroner returned a verdict accordingly, stating that evidence showed that deceased had received every care and attention. Mrs. Wapshott expressed satisfaction at the care her mother had received.

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