

Ellen Taylor

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Octogenarian's Death After Fall.----The Coroner (Mr. R. E. A. Webster) held an inquest at Forest House on Saturday on Mrs. Ellen Taylor, aged 84, who died on Thursday week. Dr. G. L. Peskett said Mrs. Taylor was admitted to St. Mary's Hospital on October 15th suffering from a suspected fracture of the right femur. An X-ray confirmed the fracture, but she was too old to have an operation. Her general condition improved after a day or so, but deteriorated after the beginning of last week, and she died on Thursday. The cause of death was myocarditis and hypostatic pneumonia and shock, accelerated by the fracture. Miss Ellen Griffin, housekeeper, of Cranleigh, Cypress-road, said deceased was her mother, the widow of Mr. F. C. Taylor, a retired hairdresser, who died in 1942. She had cared for her mother for about 20 months. For some months she had been confined to bed, and had been attended by Dr. Heathcote. On October 14th she took her mother's hand to help her out of bed, and the next minute she was sitting on the floor. She got her back to bed and sent for the doctor. Her mother complained of pain when she tried to move her. She was removed to St. Mary's the following day. Nurse Gwendoline Dorothy Wall said Mrs. Taylor was in a very shocked condition on admission, and was placed on the danger list the next day. The Coroner returned a verdict of death from natural causes in accordance with the medical evidence. The funeral took place at Newport Cemetery on Saturday.

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