

Amelia Withers

1911 census, South St, Widows Home, Newport, Isle of Wight

Amelia Withers Head 79 Widowed Newport, Isle of Wight

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NEWPORT

OCTOGENARIAN WIDOW'S SUDDEN DEATH. – An inquest was held on Wednesday by the Deputy Coroner (Francis A. Joyce, Esq.), at the Parish-hall, South-street on the body of Amelia Withers, aged 80, a widow, living alone at the Widows' Homes, East-street, who died suddenly on the previous day. Insp. H. Sibbick was present on behalf of the police. – Mary Salter, living at the Widows' Homes, said deceased had resided next door to her for five years. She had been very poorly for some time, and witness last saw her alive on Tuesday morning, sitting in her arm-chair downstairs. She thought deceased had been sitting up all night. Witness asked her if she should send for the doctor, and deceased said she might. She would not allow her to send for the doctor on the previous Saturday. Deceased was very reticent and funny. Witness saw her four times on Tuesday morning, the last time being between 10.30 and 10.45. It was a quarter to 11 when she found that deceased had just died. – Dr. Stanley Foster said he called to see deceased, and on arriving soon after 10.30 he found she was dead. From the external appearances death was due, in his opinion, to natural causes. Witness attended deceased last spring for a cough. He thought it was undoubtedly a case of death from syncope due to senile decay. – A verdict of death from natural causes was returned by the jury, of whom Mr. Henry Hookey was foreman.

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