

Benjamin Bevis

1901 Census, 1 Church Path, Newport

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| <i>Benjamin Bevis</i> | <i>Head</i> | <i>61</i> | <i>General Labourer</i> | <i>Moorhill, Hampshire *</i> |
| Fanny Bevis | Wife | 70 | | Newport, Isle of Wight |
| Frances Ives | Granddaughter | 11 | | Newport, Isle of Wight |

* other census give place of birth as Newport, Isle of Wight

Isle of Wight County Press – 21 September 1907

NEWPORT

DEATH IN THE STREET. - On Saturday evening the Deputy Coroner (Francis A. Joyce, Esq.) held an inquest at the Parish Mission-hall, South-street, on the body of Benjamin Bevis, 68, labourer, living in Church-path, who dropped dead in South-street on the previous morning. Mr. H. J. Kemp was chosen foreman of the jury. Fanny Bevis, widow of the deceased, said he left home about 7 o'clock on Friday morning to fetch a barrow and said he was afterwards going to see Dr. McKay as he was feeling very unwell, owing to internal trouble, from which he had suffered for a long time. Over two years ago deceased fell off a rick and he had never been anything since. Dr. Coombs said it affected his lung. He was wonderfully strong before that. John Campbell, an elderly labourer, of South-street, said that on the previous morning he saw the deceased suddenly stagger and fall in South-street, just before the *County Press* works. He went to deceased and found him lying on his back dead. Dr. McKay was at once sent for and attended. Dr. McKay said he first attended deceased at the end of June. He saw him in the garden of the late Mr. Colling, who asked him to see him. Deceased was suffering much internal pain, apparently due to some malignant growth or aneurism. Witness was unable to definitely say from an external examination the cause of death and he made a post mortem, with the result that he found death was due to the rupture of a large aneurism of the lower part of the aorta. In reply to the jury, the doctor said death was in no way the result of want of nutrition, and the aneurism was not due to the fall from the rick. The Coroner said he was sorry to have troubled the jury in that case, but the full facts were not before him on the previous day or he should not have considered an inquest necessary. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence, and expressed sympathy with the widow.

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