

## Mary Anne Blake

### Marriage

Mary Anne Flux to William Blake, 19 November 1865, St John's Church, Carisbrooke

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### 1901 Census, 33 & 34 Pyle Street, Newport

William Blake	Head	73	Letterpress Printer	Arreton, Isle of Wight
Mary A Blake	Wife	59		Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight
John Blake	Son	34	Letterpress Printer	Newport, Isle of Wight
Rosa F Blake	Son's Wife	37		Newport, Isle of Wight

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#### SAD SUICIDE AT NEWPORT

An inquest was held at the Bedford Arms, Newport, on Wednesday evening, concerning the death of Mary Ann Blake, aged 64, living at 43, Carisbrooke Road, with her husband, Mr. Wm. Blake, printer of Newport.

Ernest Blake, 43, Carisbrooke Road, a joiner, son of the deceased, said they retired about 11.30 on Monday night. Soon after two next morning witness heard his father call out for help, and he went down and found his mother lying on the floor in the scullery. His wife followed him quickly. When he saw his mother lying on the floor he did his best to get her into a chair, his wife helping, and also the maid servant. They then started to chafe her, and witness went for the doctor, and returned with Dr. Thompson in a quarter of an hour. When witness returned his father told him that he found the deceased was leaning against the wall sideways, and he spoke to her, and she didn't answer. He put out his hand, and then saw he was suspended. His idea was that her feet were on the floor. He took a knife from the table and cut her down. The rope was hanging from a nail. His mother had suffered from nervous depression for a long time. He had never had any reason to suppose she would destroy herself. She had been worse since last September. She was out visiting on Sunday night and Monday night. She had often been in the habit of going downstairs before at night time.

Dr. Chas. J. Thompson said when he got there the deceased was dead. There was a mark round the left side of the neck, produced by the rope. The deceased probably put her neck in the noose, and threw herself forward with all her weight. Her feet might well have been on the ground. He had been attending the deceased for some years. She was very depressed. He recommended them to leave Pyle Street, and go to their present house. He thought the change would do her good. Witness had told her husband that it was desirable there should be someone with her, and it was owing to this the first witness and his wife had come to reside there. Death was partly due to asphyxiation, and to shock.

The Coroner then summed up, remarking that it was a very sad case. There was no doubt but that death was due to the causes stated by the doctor. Prompt and effective means were taken to restore animation, but unfortunately their efforts were not attended with success.

The jury returned a verdict to the effect that deceased committed suicide whilst temporarily insane. — The jury also passed a vote of sympathy with the bereaved husband and the family of the deceased.

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