

Robert Frank Brewer

1901 census - 1 Beech Road, Barton, St Paul's, Newport

Frank Brewer	Head	47	Railway Coal heaver - Worker	Newport, Isle of Wight
Fanny Brewer	Wife	45		Newport, Isle of Wight
William Brewer	Son	25	Coal Carman - Worker	Newport, Isle of Wight
James Brewer	Son	14		Newport, Isle of Wight
Frank Brewer	Son	11		Newport, Isle of Wight
George Brewer	Son	9		Newport, Isle of Wight

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FATALITY AT NEWPORT.

On Wednesday the Deputy Coroner for the Isle of Wight, Mr. F. A. Joyce, held an inquest at the "White Lion" Inn, Newport, on the body of Robert Frank Brewer, a 12 year-old schoolboy, son of a coal heaver, of Barton's Village, who succumbed on the previous day to shock and internal injuries which he sustained by being run over by Messrs. J. Thomas and Co.'s pair-horse van, laden with 1½ tons of corn, in South-street on the previous Monday afternoon, as he was on his way to school. The lad was running up South-street when the van emerged from Town-lane as he was crossing in front, and he slipped and fell under the horses. The driver of the van, Douglas Morris, said he was driving at a walking pace from Town-lane into South-street, when he suddenly saw a boy fall under the horses, which, being startled, plunged forward, and he was unable to stop them till the wheels had gone over the deceased's body. Two playmates conveyed deceased to Dr. Foster's surgery, where Dr. Coombs saw him, but he was in such a serious state of collapse that examination was out of the question and he was removed home, where he died without rallying. The doctor attributed death to shock and internal injuries, which probably included bursting of the bladder. - A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned, no blame being attributable to anyone.