

## William Chiverton

### 1881 census - 5 Wapshotts Yard, Newport

William Chiverton	Head	57	Carpenter	Wootton, Isle of Wight
Hannah Chiverton	Wife	57		Brading, Isle of Wight
Samuel Chiverton	Son	22	Laborer General	Shide, Isle of Wight
George Chiverton	Son	17	Errand Boy To Mineral Water Manufacturer	Shide, Isle of Wight

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### Isle of Wight Observer - Saturday 27 May 1882

**NEWPORT. FATAL RESULT OF A STREET BRAWL.** - On Wednesday evening at the Town Hall, Mr F. Blake, coroner, held an inquest on view of the body of William Cheverton [sic], of South-street, carpenter, aged 58, death having been caused in a street brawl, by a fall, on Tuesday evening. - Mr. H.R. Hooper appeared to watch the case on behalf of George Locke, a well-digger, who caused the fall by striking deceased in self-defence. - Anna Cheverton, widow of the deceased, deposed that deceased on Tuesday was not at work, and came home a little the worse for drink in the afternoon, and, after lying down for an hour and taking tea, left home at 5.15, sober and well. About 7.15 the same evening he was brought home insensible on a stretcher, and he remained insensible till the time of his death, about 9.30. - Charles Knight, of 63, South-street, shoemaker, was standing in High-street at the Eagle corner about 6.15 p.m., on Tuesday, when deceased, looking a little drinky, came out of the Eagle Tavern, and, seeing George Lock in the middle of the road, said, "There goes George Locke; he was a trumpery fellow, and would'nt give anybody a pint of beer if he was dying." Lock came up to deceased and denied the statement. Witness advised deceased to go home, and, as they were wrangling, witness left them and saw no more of it. - Henry Shepard, of Holyrood-street, grocer's assistant, and Thomas D. Moore, of New-street, draper's porter, gave evidence to the effect that deceased, apparently in a very quarrelsome humour, took his coat off, threw it on the pavement, used provoking language, urged George Lock to fight him, and then struck Lock a blow on the chest with his fist. Lock, who refused to fight him, immediately struck him with his fist under the chin, and deceased fell backward, the back of his head striking against the pavement. He was taken up insensible and removed to the police-station, and then to his home by order of Dr Allan Waterworth. - The evidence of Mr W.F. Foster, who made a *post mortem* examination, showed that the cause of death was severe fracture of the skull. - George Lock, who had made a statement to P.S. Blackwell, which was taken down in writing at the time, was now called by Mr Hooper, and, having heard his statement read, affirmed that it was quite correct. This statement was fully borne out by the evidence of the witnesses, and the jury of which Mr Jones was foreman, returned for their verdict "Excusable homicide." Of course, under these circumstances, George Lock was never in custody touching this matter, and he was free to go his way the same as the other witnesses. Had he been charged by the police, there must have been a formal discharge.

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