

William Lansley Cowdery

1861 census – Lugley Street, Newport

William Cowdery	Head	59	Agent to London Fire and Life Insurance Company	Newport, Hampshire
Elizabeth Cowdery	Daughter	26	Dressmaker	Newport, Hampshire
Ada Cayley	Boarder	31	Dressmaker	Middlesex, London

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NEWPORT

A CORONER'S INQUEST was held at the Townhall on Monday evening before F. Blake Esq., on the body of Mr. William Cowdery, of Lugley-street, agent for the London Assurance Company, and accountant, aged 63, who was found dead by his wife [Elizabeth] in his own house on the afternoon of Sunday, and a report having been widely circulated that his death was occasioned by his own hand, there was very considerable excitement in the town up to the hour the jury delivered their verdict. The evidence proved that deceased came by his death in a fit of apoplexy and not from poison, not the least trace of which could be discovered. It appeared from the evidence of his wife that deceased left Broadfields, a small farm which he cultivated, on Monday, the 12th inst., and not returning or sending any letter or message up to the next Sunday morning, when breakfast and dinner passed by without his appearance, she became alarmed, walked into Newport in the evening, and gaining admission to his residence in Lugley street by her latch key, she found deceased dead and cold on the parlour floor without coat or hat, which she found in their places as usual, and to all appearances he had lain there from the Friday preceding. Dr. Tuttiett deposed that he examined the deceased on Sunday evening, and he had no doubt but that he had been dead above 48 hours, as putrefaction had commenced. He made a *post mortem* examination of the body on Monday, but could find no trace of poison whatever, either in the body or in the house, but on opening the skull he found no less than six ounces of clotted blood in the left ventricle of the brain, which was occasioned by the rupture of a large blood vessel, which resulted in a fit of apoplexy and instantaneous death. Verdict: Died from natural causes.

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