

## Thomas Duke

### 1861 census, St. James Street, Newport

<i>Thomas Duke</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>Miller &amp; Baker</i>	<i>Newport, Hampshire</i>
Ann Duke	Wife	39		Calbourne, Hampshire
Sarah Ann Duke	Daughter	17		Newport, Hampshire
Susan Duke	Daughter	12	Scholar	Newport, Hampshire
John Thos Duke	Son	10	Scholar	Newport, Hampshire
Jane Mew	Servant	15	Servant	Shorwell, Hampshire

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### Newport

**Sudden Death Near Shorwell.** – On Sunday, about 2 p.m., the dead body of Mr. Thomas Duke, of Yafford Mill near Shorwell, formerly of Towngate Mill, Newport, was found in a field near Shorwell. On Monday Mr. F. Blake, coroner, held an inquest on view of the body.—Mrs. Elizabeth Attrill, late of Staplers, aunt to deceased, said she had been staying with him about seven weeks. He suffered from gout and rheumatism, and had pains about the chest; and of late he had been much excited about business. On Sunday morning he took breakfast as usual, and left home about 9.30, saying he should try and hobble up to Aslett's to see Mr. Morris, and if he did not come home to dinner he should be home to tea.—Charles Barton, labourer in the employ of Mr. J. Jolliffe, of Yafford, overtook deceased in a field called Steens, on his way toward Aslett's, and conversed with him. Deceased appeared to be the same as usual in health and spirits, and witness walked on.—James Cotton, of Barnes, Brixton, was going to see his father at Bucks, and about 3 p.m. found the dead body of deceased lying on the footpath in a field called Cranbert's Hill. The face was downwards and the head was toward Aslett's. Witness called John Russell, carter to Mr. Way, at Wolverton, and the body was taken to the mill.—Mr. H. Waterworth, surgeon, said he had attended deceased many years. Deceased sometimes had attacks of gout and rheumatism of two or three months' duration, and probably he had disease of the heart. Probably the rupture of some vessel in the region of the heart was the proximate cause of death. Deceased's father, uncle, and some other members of the family died suddenly. Appearances indicated that deceased died from natural causes.—Verdict, "Died by the visitation of God."

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