

William Gray

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SUDDEN DEATH. - A coroner's inquest was held at the Parkhurst barrack hospital on Tuesday last, on the body of William Gray, labourer, aged 37 years. Thomas Saunderson said deceased lived at Newport, and was at work with him at the new reservoir, Parkhurst barracks. He seemed in very good health until last Thursday evening, when he complained of a cold, in consequence of which he was absent from work on Friday and Saturday. On Monday morning he came to his work, and appeared to be in his usual health, and about half-past 11 a.m. witness and deceased were engaged in wheeling up earth from the hole in barrows. The hole was about 7ft. deep, and deceased had to wheel it about 50 yards before he got on the level, and afterwards about 25 or 26 yards further on the level. Witness did not notice him going along to the end, but heard a man called Smith cry for help, and looking up he saw Smith raising up deceased from the ground. Deceased never spoke after witness got to him. Thomas Smith having given evidence, William Ramsey Stuart said - I am staff surgeon at the Parkhurst barracks, and yesterday morning as I was leaving the hospital I met the deceased, who was being brought to the hospital. I directed him to be taken to the hospital guard-room, but when we got there I found he was dead. I examined his head which did not appear to have received any injury, and there was no blood. From the appearance of the deceased I inclined to the opinion that he died from disease of the heart. - A verdict that the deceased died by the visitation of God was then returned.

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