

John James McCarthy

1901 census – 114 St. James’s Street, Newport

George Way	Head	45	Publican	Salway Ash, Dorset
Bessie Way	Wife	40		Christone Cross, Devon
Elsie Way	Daughter	19		Bridport, Dorset
Fred Way	Son	14		Gatcombe, Isle of Wight
Harry Beer	Nephew	15		Christone Town, Devon
John McCarthy	Boarder	59	Naval Pensioner	Skibbereen, Ireland
Thomas Bennett	Boarder	56	Agricultural Labourer	Newbridge, Isle of Wight
John Ryan	Boarder	25		Gibraltar

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NAVAL PENSIONER’S DEATH AT NEWPORT.

“NOT A RELATIVE IN THE WORLD.”

On Tuesday evening the Deputy Coroner for the Island (Francis A. Joyce, Esq.), held an inquest at the Crown Inn, Newport, on the body of John James McCarthy, aged 64 years, a naval pensioner, who for some years had been a lodger at the Crown Inn, where he died on Sunday night, after a brief illness. Inspector T. Cass, with P.C. Edwards, was present on behalf of the police. Mr. E. J. Smith was chosen foreman of the jury.

Joseph Caudrey, licensee of the Crown, said deceased had lived there for some seven years and had no occupation. Deceased was in his usual health till Sunday last, when about 4.15 a.m. he called witness and complained of pains in the stomach. Deceased asked for a little brandy, with which he was supplied. About 6 a.m. deceased asked for more brandy, as he was no easier, and witness again supplied him. About 10 o’clock deceased came downstairs and asked for something else to ease him, and witness gave him some castor oil. Deceased was easier afterwards and had some sleep. Deceased did not express a desire to see a doctor. In the evening deceased complained of being thirsty and asked for ginger-beer, and witness took him up some twice. At 9.30 p.m. deceased asked for some more brandy, with which he was supplied. Deceased drank part of it and the remainder was poured into the ginger-beer at his request. At 10.20 p.m. witness, on going up to bed, was surprised on going to deceased to find him in an almost collapsed condition. He tried very hard to drink the remainder of the ginger-beer. Witness immediately sent for Dr. Underhill, who attended very quickly, and remained till deceased died, about 10 minutes before midnight. Deceased had not previously complained of being in pain. – Q. What were his habits? – Well, he liked his drink. He was a very small eater. I could never get him to take sufficient food. – Q. He has no family? – No; he has no one in the world belonging to him. He told me last week he had not a relation in the world. – Q. Was deceased insured? – He had a £10 insurance policy, but the superintendent tells me I shall not be able to get it, as the will is not made out in proper form.

By the Foreman: Deceased seemed much better after taking the oil and having a sleep and he would have got up, but witness advised him to remain in bed.

By a juror (Mr. F. Churchouse): Deceased had been quieter and more reserved lately.

Dr. Underhill said when he arrived at the Crown shortly after 10.30 he found deceased in a dying condition. He muttered something about being in pain in the stomach. Witness remained with him till he died, but was not able to state from what he had died, not having attended him. By the coroner's direction he made a post-mortem examination and found that both kidneys were diseased with a form of Bright's disease, and that he was suffering from atheromatous disease of the artery and valves of the heart, which was dilated. To those causes death was undoubtedly due. Deceased's internal condition indicated that he had been a free drinker, but there was no suggestion that death resulted from that. He thought deceased's time had come, and that the illness which he had had indicated that he was breaking up. Practically all the organs were diseased.

The jury returned a verdict of "Death from natural causes – Bright's disease," in accordance with the medical evidence.

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