

**Thomas Mullins**

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**ISLE OF WIGHT.**

**NEWPORT.**

CORONERS'S INQUEST. – F. Blake, Esq., Coroner, held an inquest on Saturday, at the “Valiant Soldier Inn,” South-street, on the body of Thomas Mullins, hawker. – Jane Leonard said that she lived at South-street, Newport. She knew the deceased, and had lived with him for 22 to 23 years. Two or three months ago he went to live at Ventnor. Yesterday morning he came to Newport, and stayed all day with her. He complained of a pain in his chest, to which attacks he had been subject for several months past. A little past six o'clock in the evening she left him lying on a coat while she went out to transact some business, and on her return, after having been absent for about twenty minutes, she found him very ill and unable to speak. The deceased shortly afterwards died in the presence of witness and a neighbour. – Dr. Foster deposed to having occasionally prescribed for the deceased for disease of the chest and general debility. He was of opinion that death was either caused by heart disease or the eruption on an ulcer. Verdict – “Died by visitation of God.”

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