

## Rosina Kate Neat

### 1891 census – 31 Orchard Street, Carisbrooke

Edward Neat	Head	36	Engine Driver, Gas Works	Newport, Isle of Wight
Ellen M Neat	Wife	36		Havarytree, Devon
Edward C Neat	Son	13	Errant Boy	Newport, Isle of Wight
Frank H Neat	Son	10	Scholar	Newport, Isle of Wight
<b>Rosina K Neat</b>	<b>Daughter</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Scholar</b>	<b>Newport, Isle of Wight</b>
Emily E Neat	Daughter	6	Scholar	Newport, Isle of Wight
Ellen M Neat	Daughter	1		Newport, Isle of Wight
Thomas Denison	Lodger	63	Butcher	West Cowes, Isle of Wight
George Day	Lodger	16	Stone Mason	Ventnor, Isle of Wight

### 1901 census – Hawthorn Villa, St. Boniface Road, Ventnor

Frederick John Marks	Head	71	Lodging House Keeper	Ningwood, Isle of Wight
Sarah Marks	Wife	71		Newbury, Berkshire
<b>Rosina K Neat</b>	<b>Servant</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Housemaid</b>	<b>Newport, Isle of Wight</b>
Elsie E Bucket	Servant	16	Kitchen-maid	Brading, Isle of Wight

## Isle of Wight County Press – 24 November 1906

### SUDDEN DEATH AT CARISBROOKE.

#### SUFFOCATED DURING AN EPILEPTIC FIT

On Saturday evening last the Deputy Coroner for the Island (Francis A. Joyce, Esq.), held an inquest at the Grove, White Pit-lane, Carisbrooke, the residence of Mr. A. E. Marvin, on the body of Rosina Kate Neat, a single woman, aged 24, employed as a cook there, who the same morning was found dead in her bed-room. – Inspector Cass, with P.C. Bungey, was present on behalf of the police. – Mr. C. Tosdevin was chosen as foreman of the jury. – The Coroner mentioned at the outset that no post-mortem of the body had been made because there was evidence that the deceased had had epileptic fits. – Edward Neat, the father of the deceased, said he was a labourer employed at the Newport Gasworks and lived at 47, Crocker-street, Newport. He identified the body as that of his daughter, who for four weeks on that day had been in the employ of Mr. Marvin as cook. She had generally enjoyed good health. About four years ago deceased had epileptic fits at Southampton. She came home for holidays and was attended by Dr. Underhill. She afterwards went to a situation in London and had three more fits. She returned home and six weeks ago had two fits in one night. – Mabel Stark, a domestic employed at the Grove, said she last saw deceased alive about half-past 10 o'clock the previous night. She was then in her ordinary health. The previous day deceased had not been well, but she did not complain. At 10 minutes to 7 that morning, as deceased had not come down, witness went to her bed-room to call her and found that she was dead. Her body was on the bed and her head was reclining on a cloth on a wicker basket by the side of the bed. She had only her nightdress on. Witness called Mr. Marvin. Deceased had not had any fits whilst she had been there. She was a very excitable person. – Mr. A. E. Marvin said deceased had been in his employ as a cook exactly four weeks that day. He last saw her about half-past 7 the previous evening. She then seemed very excited. About quarter-past 7 that morning his daughter called him and said "Cook is dead; come at once." Witness sent for Dr. Groves, who came almost immediately. Deceased's body was partly on the bed. She was lying over sideways, her face resting on the basket by the side of the bed. He thought deceased must have been reaching to get the matches when she suddenly had the seizure and turned over and died. She was of a very excitable nature. Deceased was an excellent girl and gave every satisfaction. She was perfectly sober in her habits. – Dr. Groves said when he arrived at the house and saw the deceased he considered she had been dead about seven or eight hours. Having seen several

similar cases he was at one impressed with the view that it was a case of epilepsy. He found what appeared to be a few blood marks on the cloth which was on the basket where deceased's face was resting. He attributed death to suffocation resulting from insensibility during the epileptic fit. There were no marks of violence about deceased's body. – The Coroner thought the jury would have no difficulty in sharing the view of the doctor. Everybody appeared to have done all that could be done. – A verdict of “Death from suffocation resulting from an epileptic fit” was returned. The jury expressed their sincere sympathy with the parents of the deceased.

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