

Charlotte Neat

1881 England, Wales & Scotland Census

13 St. Thomas Square, Newport, Isle of Wight, Hampshire

Name	Relationship	Status	Age	Occupation	Birthplace
John Neat	Head	Married	60	General Dealer	Malta
<i>Charlotte Neat</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>64</i>	<i>Dressmaker</i>	<i>Newport, Isle of Wight</i>
Elizabeth Burton	Daughter	Unmarried	39	Shop woman	Newport, Isle of Wight

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Sudden Death at Newport

On Tuesday last an inquest was held at the Guildhall, Newport, before Edward F. Blake, Esq., deputy coroner for the Island, on the body of Mrs. Charlotte Neat, aged 69, wife of Mr. John Neat, china and earthenware dealer, St. Thomas's square. –Elizabeth Burton said deceased was her mother by a former husband. For some years her health had been bad. She suffered principally from pains in the chest. Dr. Foster attended her last May. On Sunday morning she went to chapel. She had her meals that day with the rest of the family, the same as usual. In the evening, about seven o'clock, she complained of a pain in her chest, and went to bed at 8, first having her supper. At a quarter to 12 the same night witness, who was sleeping in an adjoining room, heard deceased rap, and she at once went to her and found her out of bed. She said she did not feel well, and witness got her into bed and stayed with her. About a quarter of an hour afterwards deceased got out of bed again, and got back again in a few minutes. About 10 minutes afterward she got out a third time. She became weaker and witness sat her in a chair. She got worse and worse, and being unable to get her into bed again, she called to the deceased's husband, who was sleeping in a room on the next floor upstairs. He came and they got deceased into bed. She was gone then. Witness thought she died just as they were getting her into bed. –By the Deputy Coroner: Did not send for a doctor. Had asked deceased on Sunday if she had not better go and see Dr. Foster, and she said it was no use, as she would not be able to take the medicine. –John Neat, husband of the deceased, said he was at home all day on Sunday. He considered on that day and during the previous week that his wife was better. He did not hear her complain at all on Sunday. On Sunday night she went to bed earlier than usual. Witness went to bed after 10, and after one he was called. He found his wife sitting by the side of the bed, the last witness being with her. –The Deputy Coroner: Did your wife speak to you when you saw her? – Witness said no. She was completely dead. He helped to put her into bed and then went and dressed. He came down again and he and the last witness looked at the deceased. He said "What shall we do? It is a terrible job." He trembled all over and did not know what to do. She (the last witness) said they had better get someone to lay her out, which was done. His wife was completely dead, and it was no use to send for a doctor to see a dead woman. –Dr. Foster deposed to making a *post-mortem* examination of the body, which was well nourished. He described the state of the principal organs, and said he had no doubt that the cause of death was fatal syncope resulting from a weak heart. Having regard to the state of the heart and of some other organs, it was a wonder deceased had not died some time since. –The Deputy Coroner, in briefly summing up the evidence, said it would have been more satisfactory if the doctor had been sent for on the Sunday night, when the deceased was taken ill, though possibly the result would have been the same. Still it was sometimes difficult for an ordinary person to distinguish between faintness and death, and it was always more satisfactory in such cases to call in a medical man at once. –The jury (of whom Mr. W. Blake was foreman) returned a verdict of "Death from natural causes."

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