

Gertrude May Norris

1911 England, Wales & Scotland Census Newport, Isle of Wight, Hampshire, England

Name	Relationship	Status	Age	Occupation	Birthplace
Charles Norris	Head	Married	30	General Labourer	Newport, Isle of Wight
Elizabeth Norris	Wife	Married	28	-	Cowes, Isle of Wight
William Norris	Son	Single	10	School	Newport, Isle of Wight
Gerty Norris	Daughter	Single	8	School	Freshwater, Isle of Wight
Winifred Norris	Daughter	Single	2		Newport, Isle of Wight
Frederick Norris	Son	Single	11/12		Newport, Isle of Wight

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NEWPORT

Girl's Sudden Death.—On Tuesday the Deputy Coroner (Francis. A. Joyce, Esq.) held an inquest at the Mission-hall, South-street, on the body of Gertrude May Norris, aged 14, daughter of Mr. Charles Norris, coal porter, of Abrahams-court, South-street. Her father said deceased was at home looking after the smaller children, and was in apparently good health till Sunday morning, when she complained of a bilious attack, to which she was subject. He told her to lie down, and she took some salts, which caused her to vomit, and she then seemed better. Subsequently she again complained of pains in the right shoulder, and gradually got worse. He sent for Dr. Thompson between 9.30 and 10 o'clock, but the doctor was out and unable to come till after 1 o'clock. He again went for the doctor at about 12.30, when deceased was in a dying condition. She had no cough, and had shown no signs of pneumonia. Miss Sarah L. Norris, sister of the last witness, living next door, said that since the death of her brother's wife she often went in to see to the children and the home. She went in on Sunday morning, but deceased seemed too ill to explain what was the matter. Witness remained with her until her death at about 1 o'clock. Dr. Thompson said that he left home on Sunday at 9 a.m. and did not return till 12.30. He then went out again, and reached the deceased's home about 1.20, when she had died. She was a well-developed girl, and looked quite 16 or 17. There was no external sign to account for death, and he made a post-mortem examination. There was nothing to suggest poisoning, but the liver was exceptionally large, the lungs were intensely congested, and the heart was small, pale, and flabby, with very poor musculature. He came to the conclusion that death was due to heart failure, arising from acute pneumonia. The jury, of whom Mr. F. R. Allee was foreman, returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence, expressed sympathy with the father and handed their fees to him.