

Richard Roach

1861 census, Wardale's Passage, Carisbrooke

<i>Richard Roach</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>Private Soldier, 50th Regt</i>	<i>Fermoy, Ireland</i>
Edith Roach	Wife	33		Isle of Wight, Carisbrooke, Hampshire
William T Roach	Son	5	Scholar	Isle of Wight, Newport, Hampshire
Edith F Roach	Daughter	2	Scholar	Isle of Wight, Carisbrooke, Hampshire
Agnes T Roach	Daughter	2 months		Isle of Wight, Carisbrooke, Hampshire

1871 census, 8 Pierces Yard, Newport

<i>Richard Roach</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>Agricultural Labourer</i>	<i>Cork, Ireland</i>
Agnes Roach	Daughter	13		Newport, Hampshire
Teresa Roach	Daughter	10		Newport, Hampshire
Richard Roach	Son	7		Newport, Hampshire
Alfred Roach	Son	5		Newport, Hampshire
Edith Roach	Daughter	3		Newport, Hampshire

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NEWPORT.

SAD DEATH BY BURNING IN SOUTH-STREET. - On Wednesday morning an inquest was held at the Guildhall, touching the death of Richard Roach, a pensioner, living alone in a house situated in Bull's-yard, South-street. The inquiry took place before the Deputy-Coroner for the Isle of Wight, Mr. E. F. Blake. As reported in our Wednesday's issue, the sad occurrence was attributed to burning. The following evidence was taken:- Edith Matthews, wife of William Matthews, labourer, said the deceased was her father, and that he was 51 years of age. On Monday night her husband took him home from her house, which was next door to the house occupied by the deceased. Her husband left him sitting by the fire. The next morning she took deceased his breakfast, about 9 o'clock, and upon opening the shutters and looking in at the window she saw the deceased was not in bed. Witness then went inside the house, and found her late father lying by the side; of the fireplace, with the chair upon which he had been sitting partly tipped up. Seeing that he was dead, she went and called a neighbour. When witness returned again she found her father's chest and back were very much burnt. During the past year deceased had had five fits, the last taking place about five months since. The kettle which been on the fire was turned over. - Mr. M. L. Coombs, surgeon, practising at Newport, stated that about a year ago he attended the deceased for fainting fit. From the appearance of the body on Tuesday morning death had apparently taken place some hours. The burns on the body were quite sufficient to account for death. - William Matthews, pensioner, said the deceased was his father-in-law, and on Monday evening he saw him home, as he was rather shaky and liable to giddiness. - Adam Wilson, a clerk out of employment, living in Well's-court, said that on Tuesday morning, hearing screams, he went to the assistance of Mrs. Matthews. She said, "The old man's dead." Witness went inside, and found the deceased lying close to the fireplace, with some of his clothes burnt to ashes. - Some of the jurors expressed their opinion that the deceased's age was nearer 71 than 51, but the daughter, being recalled, said she had not made any mistake. The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death."

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