

## Sophia Rolf

### 1861 census, Lower Watchingwell Farm, Shalfleet

Henery Rolf	Head	44	Farmer, 235 Acres	Whippingham, IW, Hampshire
Elizebeth Rolf	Wife	23		Newport. IW, Hampshire
Henery James Rolf	Son	9mths		Whippingham, IW, Hampshire
Mary Rolf	Mother	85		Whippingham, IW, Hampshire
<b>Sophia Rolf</b>	<b>Sister</b>	<b>41</b>		<b>Whippingham, IW, Hampshire</b>
Lousia Lock	Sister-in-law	16		France
Thomas Bullock	Servant	60	Carter	Shorwell, IW, Hampshire
Joseph Hobbs	Servant	13	Cowboy	Whippingham, IW, Hampshire

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#### Newport

CORONER'S INQUEST. – On Tuesday Mr. F. Blake, coroner, held an inquest at the White Lion public house, Coppin's Bridge, on view of the body of Sophia Rolph [sic], aged 45, who was found dead in her bed that morning at the White Lion. The evidence went to show that deceased was of weak intellect, and had been subject to epileptic fits from her childhood. She went to bed in the bedroom on the landlady, Jane Cole, her sister, on the previous night, and was then in good health. She had a fit in the night, when her sister looked to her, and it went off as usual. She was found dead in the morning, and Mr. W. F. Foster, surgeon, was called in, and he gave his opinion that she died in a fit which quickly followed the first. The body bore some old scars of a severe burning she had about ten years ago, when she fell into the fire at Watchingwell. Verdict. "Died by the visitation of God."

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