

Edward John Tuttiett

1861 census, Pyle Street, Newport

Frank B Tuttiett	Head	45	Surgeon M.R.C.S., General Practitioner	Colyton, Devon
Eliza T Tuttiett	Wife	38		Carisbrooke, Hampshire
Edward J Tuttiett	Son	15	Surgeon (Apprentice)	Newport, Hampshire
Mary G Tuttiett	Daughter	14	Scholar	Newport, Hampshire
John H Tuttiett	Son	11	Scholar	Newport, Hampshire
William Tuttiett	Son	10	Scholar	Newport, Hampshire
Emma Roach	Servant	20	General Servant	Whitwell. Hampshire

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A CORONER'S INQUEST was held on Wednesday, by F. Blake, Esq., at the residence of F.B. Tuttiett, Esq., surgeon, in Pyle-street, on the body of Edward John, his eldest son, aged 16, who was found dead in the surgery on the morning of Tuesday. It appeared by the evidence which extended to a considerable length, that two of his father's patients had waited for a considerable time that morning in a portion of the surgery, which was separated by a curtain from the dispensary, whilst the servant girl was searching the house over for the purpose of discovering where Master Edward had taken himself to, and she at last looked behind the curtain in the surgery, where she found him leaning back his head on the counter, with his feet on the ground, but quite dead. The family were directly alarmed, and his father laid him down on the ground and poured some strong ammonia down his throat but to no effect, as he had been dead probably for half an hour. It was stated that he breakfasted with the family at nine o'clock, and nothing particular was observed in his appearance or manner, but from the discovery of a bottle of prussic acid, and another bottle of chloroform, which was left on the counter, there were strong reasons to suspect that he had come by his death from his own hands. It appeared, on examination, that about two months ago he was laid up with an irritation of the brain and symptoms of fever, which rendered him for a time delirious and unable to sleep at night, for which his father prescribed a soothing medicine called chlorodine, which is a compound of hydrocyanic acid (prussic), chloroform, and laudanum, and that after he recovered he was frequently in the habit of resorting to this mixture to enable him to sleep, and was often trying experiments on himself as to its strength and effect, but whether on this occasion he had been preparing another, for the use of his father's patients, or for the purpose of destroying his own life, could not be satisfactorily ascertained. No motive whatever was shown why he should have resorted to the latter dreadful alternative. After a lengthened enquiry the jury returned a verdict to the effect that "His death was occasioned by his having incautiously administered to himself an excessive dose of prussic acid and chloroform, and that by reason of his drinking the said medicine he then and there did die"

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