

Edwin Fuller

1881 Census, 10 Coppins Bridge, St Paul's, Whippingham

Edwin	Fuller	Head	Married	39	General Labourer	Nutfield, Surrey
Julia	Fuller	Wife	Married	28	Labourers Wife	HH, North Wales
Mary Kate	Fuller	Daughter		13	Scholar	Newport, Isle of Wight
Arthur	Fuller	Son		9	Scholar	Newport, Isle of Wight
Thomas Hy.	Hooky	Step Son		8	Scholar	Newport, Isle of Wight
William	Fuller	Son		7	Scholar	Newport, Isle of Wight
Janet	Fuller	Daughter		5	Scholar	Newport, Isle of Wight
Albert E.	Fuller	Son		2		Newport, Isle of Wight

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ISLE OF WIGHT, NEWPORT

SUICIDE BY A COAL DEALER. - On Thursday morning the Deputy-Coroner (Mr. E.F. Blake) held an inquiry at the Guildhall touching the death of Edwin Fuller, coal-dealer, Barton's Village, whose dead body was found hanging in his stable in Sea-street, on Tuesday, as recorded in our Wednesday's edition. - Mr. A.S. Estcourt, LL.B, watched the case on behalf of some of the relatives. - The following evidence was adduced:- William Fuller, aged 12 years, son of the deceased said on Tuesday, at noon, he went to his father's stable, but could not open the door. He looked through an opening and saw that his father was hung up. He called a man named Jones, and the door was broken open by Baker. He went into the stable, and saw his father cut down. - William Jones, painter, Cross-lanes, said he was going along Sea-street on Tuesday, when he saw the last witness standing at his father's stable door. He had got about twenty yards past when he heard the lad cry out, and went back. The boy said, 'Look here, my father is hung up.' Witness looked, and then called for help. Baker came up, and they pulled open the door. Witness had a knife handed to him and he cut deceased down. Deceased was hung up by a double rope. - Eliza, wife of Thos. Williams, Sea-street said she knew the deceased. Last saw him alive at five minutes to 12 on Tuesday, when he passed by her window with his horse to go to the stable. - Julia Fuller, wife of the deceased, deposed to her late husband leaving the house at 5 o'clock on Tuesday morning. He took some food with him, saying he should not be back to breakfast as he was busy. There was nothing strange in his demeanour in the morning. During the last few weeks he had not been nearly so cheerful, and was always troubling about money. People did not pay him for the coals when they had them, and he went out on Monday evening to try and get some money, but did not succeed. She had heard him call out during the night, but could not understand what he said. Had never heard the deceased threaten to commit suicide. She understood deceased was pressed for money by Mr. Salter. - By Mr. Estcourt: Is it only lately that you have heard the deceased call out during the night? - Witness: For the past few week I have heard him do so. He did not tell me much about his money matters. - By a juror (Mr. Charles Salter): I lived happily with my husband. I have had a few words, of course, about the children, but not for a few weeks past. It was not a usual thing for me to quarrel with my husband. - Dr. Allen Waterworth said on Tuesday last he was sent for about a quarter-past 12 to a stable in Sea-street. He there saw the deceased. The body was a little warm, and he should think the deceased had been dead a quarter of an hour or twenty minutes. He had no doubt deceased died from strangulation. - Mr. Estcourt desired William Fuller, the eldest brother of the deceased, to be called. This witness stated that he last saw his

brother alive in Trafalgar-road on Friday morning. He did not then complain of anything. For the last two years deceased had sometimes talked rather strange. He spoke of the trouble he had in getting money in for coals sold, and said he did not know what he should do. Deceased said he wished he was out of the world, or something to that effect. Last summer he said, "Don't you be surprised, Bill, if you hear of me being dead or drowned." Previous to making this remark he said there was a little unpleasantness at home, and could not make his money matters right. - Mr. Estcourt: Lately he seemed to brood over things more than he used to. - The Coroner having summed up, the jury returned a verdict that deceased committed suicide, being at the time temporarily insane. - Mr. Estcourt asked the Coroner whether he would make an order for the money found on the deceased (£6 7s) to be handed over to the widow. - The Deputy-Coroner said he had no power to do otherwise. - Mr. Cornelius Salter asked if the widow could take out letters of administration ? - The Deputy-Coroner: I cannot advise you as to that. Mr. Salter remarked that it was not fair to rob one man to put it into the pockets of another. Deceased ought to have paid him £13 on the Monday. - Mr. Estcourt said the relatives of the deceased would be held accountable if the estate was not properly administered. - Mr. Salter: It is ridiculous talking about things accountable. We are all accountable.

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ISLE OF WIGHT, RYDE

THE LATE MR. E. FULLER.- The remains of the late Mr. Edward Fuller, coal dealer, of Barton's Village, were on Sunday afternoon last interred in St. Paul's Churchyard, the officiating clergyman being the Rev. A.L. Sharpe. A deputation of the Earl Yarborough Lodge of Oddfellows, to the number of between 60 and 70, joined in the funeral procession. The Lecture Master, P.P.G.M. Walden, read the usual impressive funeral address prescribed by the Order. The deceased for a number of years had held the office of Warden in the local lodge of Oddfellows.

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ISLE OF WIGHT PETTY SESSIONS.

BOROUGH BENCH.

THE RECENT CASE OF SUICIDE. – Mrs. Fuller, widow of Edwin Fuller (whose untimely death formed the subject of a coroner's inquiry) applied that the sum of £6 7s 2d, in the custody of Superintendent Blackwell (being the amount in possession of her husband at time of his decease) be handed over to her. – Mr. Cornelius Salter, secretary to the Newport Coal Company, said he was sorry to oppose the application. The fact was the deceased was rather heavily indebted to the firm which he (Mr. Salter) represented, and ought to have paid over to him the sum of £16 on Monday evening last. As he understood there was some little estate to be administered, he desired Mr. Blackwell to hold the money until some satisfactory arrangement could be made. He believed a sum of £15 would that day be paid as burial money by the Oddfellows, therefore it could not be urged that the applicant was without funds. – The Mayor: The Bench are of the opinion that we have no jurisdiction in this matter.