

## Mark Meecham

### 1891 census, 1 Hillside Terrace, St Paul's, Whippingham

Mark Meecham	Head	37	1854	Contractor	Ringwood Hampshire
Deborah Meecham	Wife	47	1844		Broom Warwickshire
Pollie Howell	Visitor	27	1864		Broom Warwickshire

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#### FATAL ACCIDENT AT NEWPORT

A shocking accident, which had a fatal termination, occurred on Saturday afternoon last to Mr. Mark Meecham, aged 38, a carrier, living at Hillside-terrace, the Quay, Newport. It appears that on the day named deceased and a young man in his employ, named William Wheeler, were engaged in carting timber for Mr. Wendes, timber merchant, &c., whose yard is situated at Fairlee. Shortly before 3 p.m. deceased and Wheeler arrived at the yard with three large sticks, which they had brought from Briddlesford Copse on an ordinary timber carriage, which was drawn alongside the timber stack in the usual way for the purpose of unloading. Contrary to the customary rule, the deceased, when loosening the chains and removing the pins which were used to keep the timber in position, stood on the inside, between the carriage and the stack, instead of on the outside of the carriage. Deceased was stand- at the front part of the conveyance, and as soon as he had released the timber, a large stick on the top of the load immediately rolled over towards the stack. Seeing the danger in which he was situated, deceased turned to make away, but unfortunately it was too late, and the huge piece of timber, in its descent, struck him on the right leg, just above the ankle, causing a frightful wound and fracture. Medical aid was at once summoned, and Drs. Foster, Coombs, and Waterworth were soon in attendance. The bleeding was stopped, the injured limb was put in splints, after which the sufferer was removed to his home on the police stretcher. Though still remaining in a condition of consciousness, deceased was in such a dangerous state of collapse that amputation, which had been rendered inevitable, was delayed until the following Monday, when the operation was performed. For 24 hours after amputation an improvement in his condition was apparent, but subsequently mortification, attended by symptoms of blood poisoning, set in, and in spite of all that medical skill and careful nursing could do, the deceased succumbed to his injuries soon after midday on Thursday.

Yesterday (Friday), an inquest was held at the Guildhall, before Edward F. Blake, Esq., when evidence bearing out the above facts was given by Wm. Wheeler and Dr. Allan Waterworth, the latter stating that in the amputation he was assisted by Drs. Foster, Coombs, Castle, and Barr. The jury, of whom Mr. George Osborne was foreman, returned a verdict of "Accidental death."

The deceased was an active member of the Salvation Army. He was also a member of the local Court of Foresters. The funeral takes place to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon, at St. Paul's, Barton.

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