

BINSTEAD

SUDDEN DEATH AT BINSTEAD. – J. ELDRIDGE, Esq. (acting Coroner) held an inquest at the Institute, Binstead, on Thursday, touching the death of Harriet AISH, aged 49, the wife of Mr. George AISH, carpenter, of Ninham-road, Binstead. Mr. E. JAMES was the foreman of the jury.

Deceased's husband said he left home at 8.30 on Tuesday morning. Deceased then appeared quite well. She had not been ill. At 20 past 11 that morning witness was sent for and found his wife on the sofa unconscious. She died just before noon. Deceased had occasionally complained of feeling tired. She had not been attended by a doctor for a number of years.

Frederick AISH, aged 12 son of the deceased, said the latter was sick and sent him for some soda-water. When he returned she was on the door-step. She sent him for Mrs. BOURNE, who told him to go for his father. After being taken ill, his mother could not speak so distinctly as usual, and her face was drawn.

Ellen BOURNE said deceased was unconscious on the doorstep when she arrived. With the assistance of Mr. Alfred RAYNER she laid her on the sofa. She tried to get deceased to take something, but she was unable to do so. Witness concluded she had either had a stroke or a fit.

Mr. John W. PRIDMORE, surgeon, of Ryde, said he had never attended the deceased. He saw the body at about quarter past 12 on Wednesday. He thought death was due to cerebral haemorrhage, possibly due to heart disease. The fact of the face being drawn pointed to a paralytic stroke. He had only formed his opinion from what the witnesses had told him.

The Acting Coroner said he had not thought it necessary to order a post-mortem. He expressed sympathy with Mr. AISH and family. The Foreman thanked Mr. ELDRIDGE for the kind and considerate way in which he had conducted the inquiry, and the jury returned a verdict of "Death from natural causes."
