

1861 CENSUS: RG9/659. folio 44. page 18.

Abode: Brickyard, Brading, IW

Joseph POCOCK. Head. M. 52. Bricklayer, Brading, IW.

Mary POCOCK. Wife. M. 48. Newchurch, IW.

Charles POCOCK. Son. Unm. 26. Labourer Mason. Brading, IW.

Kate POCOCK. Dau. 15. Scholar. Brading, IW.

1901 CENSUS: RG13/498. folio 25. page 37/38..

abode: 125 Ivanhoe-road, Camberwell, London.

Celia M. WRIGHT. Head. S. 51. Civil Service Supervision Telegraph Office. Portsea, Hants.

Harrietta WRIGHT. Sister. S. 42. Living on own means. Portsea, Hants.

Percy B. PLUNKETT. Boarder. S. 17. Boy Cornish Bank dept. Thirveston, Devon.

Robert J. GILLIES. Boarder. S. 17. Civil Service Telegraphist GPO. Portsea, Hants.

William H. DREW. Boarder. S. 17. Civil Service Telegraphist GPO. Portsea, Hants.

Kate T. POCOCK. Serv. S. 53. General Servant Domestic. Brading, IW.

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A WOMAN FATALLY BURNED –

An enquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of Miss **KATE THIRZA POCOCK**, aged 68, who resided at 11 Player-street, and died at the County Hospital on Friday as the result of burns, was conducted by the Deputy Coroner (Francis A. JOYCE, Esq.) at that institution on Saturday. Mr. H. Paul TAYLOR was foreman of the jury. Mrs Amelia LOVE, confectioner, 87 High-street, Sandown, identified the body as that of her sister. She said she saw the deceased about a week before the accident, when she told her that she was feeling better. Deceased had suffered from heart trouble and had been attended by Dr. PRESTON. When witness saw her at the Hospital deceased said nothing about the accident. Alfred BURDEN, hairdresser, Green-street, stated that he was passing the deceased's house between 10 and 10.30 p.m. on the 26th ult., when he heard an unusual noise and some moaning. He opened the door and on going into the room saw the deceased lying across the fender. She had apparently fallen out of a chair. He noticed that she was much burnt and that her clothes had been on fire, a good deal having been burnt off. The fire was than out. In his opinion deceased fell and her dress came into contact with the bars of the grate. He asked her if she was burnt very much, and she replied "I think so." He assisted her to a chair and went for the doctor. By the Foreman: Deceased could not tell him what had happened. Mrs Emma SQUIBB, wife of Hy. SQUIBB, living at 14 Player-street, said that when she saw the deceased she was badly burnt. Her clothes were not smouldering then, and the fire was quite out. At 5 o'clock the same day she saw the deceased and thought she was slightly better. To her knowledge the deceased had been there alone for six years. Dr. L.L. PRESTON stated

that when he arrived at the house he found the deceased on a couch. He examined her and found that she had been extensively burnt, mostly on the hands, chest and face. She was in a more or less collapsed condition when he saw her first, but wonderfully sensible having regard to the injuries she had sustained. When questioned as to how she received the burns, deceased said she was going to put the kettle on the fire when she fell, and the water went into the fire. He could not see a kettle on the stove. He ordered her removal to the Hospital as soon as possible because there were no facilities for treating her at the house. On examination at the Hospital after she had arrived it was found that she was paralysed down one side. In answer to the Coroner as to whether deceased's life might have been saved had any one been in the house, the Doctor said it was possible, but she was an old lady and had been ill for some considerable time. She was suffering from a fatty heart and cardiac asthma. He saw her the day before. Dr. A. WADE, acting house surgeon at the Hospital, corroborated the last witness's evidence as to the deceased's injuries. She died on the 5th inst. from the effects of the burns. He regarded her condition as almost hopeless from the first. The jury returned a verdict that deceased died from injuries received by being accidentally burnt.
