

1851 CENSUS: HO107/1664. folio 87. page 24.  
Address: 26 Player-street, Ryde, IW.

John WEARN. Head. Mar. 39. Publican. Southampton, Hants.

**Mary WEARN. Wife. Mar. 38. Ryde, Hants.**

Mary Sophia WEARN. Dau. Unm. 19. At Home. Ryde, Hants.

Charles WEARN. Son. Unm. 16. Carpenter. Ryde, Hants.

John WEARN. Son. 13. Scholar. Ryde, Hants.

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1861 CENSUS: RG9/658. folio 26. page 12.

Address: Monkton-street, Newchurch, Ryde, IW

John WEARN. Head. Mar. 49. Mariner. Parish of Newchurch, IW.

**Mary WEARN. Wife. Mar. 48. Parish of Newchurch, IW.**

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ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept 1873 Mary WEARN

**SUDDEN DEATH OF A WOMAN  
MARY WEARN**

An inquest was held at the Strand Tavern, Monkton-street, on Tuesday, before F. BLAKE Esq., the deputy coroner for the Island, and a jury of which Mr. G. H. CURTISS was foreman, on the body of **Mary**, wife of John WEARN, formerly connected with Southampton Steampacket Company, now living in Monkton-street, who died suddenly on Sunday last. The jury having viewed the body, the following evidence was taken.

Mr. John William WEARN, who appeared to be much distressed at his wife's awfully sudden death, deposed that deceased was 62 years of age and had suffered from heart complaint for two years. Last Friday evening she was complaining from pain at the heart, and witness put his hand on her heart and felt it palpitating, she had been like it for three weeks, and had had pills from Mr. TAYLOR's chemist, Pier-street, but no physician had ever attended her. Witness and deceased drove out to Rookley on Sunday to visit deceased's cousin, and spent the day there. They left Rookley about a quarter to seven in the evening, the rain prevented their leaving earlier. It was a basket carriage in which they rode there, driven by Capt. PARKER. Deceased did not complain at all until after she left Newport. They stopped there opposite Wavell's at the Eagle Tavern, and PARKER went into the house, and fetched out some brandy and plain cake but witness did not believe deceased drank anything. Coming up the hill near the racecourse, close to the Queen's Lodges, deceased said "oh my side," three times, and witness told her to lay her head down in his lap, which she did. Witness was holding a large umbrella over her. When they got home and he got out of the carriage, deceased fell down in the bottom of the vehicle. Deceased said nothing on the journey home besides "Oh! My side," and witness thought she was asleep, and told the driver so. When deceased fell down in the carriage, two young men lifted her out and witness fetched a light and saw she looked quite black. He sent for Mr. HOWSE and a doctor, and after her removal into the house witness felt her pulse beating. Deceased's brother was found dead in his bed at Cowes, and witness believed it was a family complaint. Deceased's maiden name was CHICK. The medical gentleman came about ten minutes after he was sent for.

George PARKER deposed he was a master mariner, and drove deceased and her husband to Rookley on Sunday. Deceased appeared to be quite cheerful all day, and partook of dinner and tea at Rookley, after dinner going out for a walk. Witness did not hear her complain and she did not seem to be at all excited. He drove the party home again in the evening, and stopped at some pace in Newport, where he got a glass of brandy and water and a piece of cake for deceased. She drank part

of the brandy and water out of the glass but did not touch the cake. Witness was not aware that there was anything the matter with the deceased, and first observed she was unwell when he went to lift her out of the carriage. She was then sitting at the bottom of the carriage with her head resting on the seat. That was when he arrived at Ryde at which time it was dark. Deceased was taken out of the carriage into the house, and as soon as a light was brought he considered that deceased was dead. Witness did not observe her move or breathe after being taken into the house.

Mr. Arthur Law WADE deposed that he was a surgeon practising at Ryde, and had never attended deceased. On Sunday night he was called in to see her and found her in her husband's house lying on a sofa. She was then quite dead, and he should think she had been so for an hour or so, but could not say accurately. The features of the deceased were pallid, and there was no mark about her calling for particular notice. There was nothing in her appearance by which he could form an opinion as to her death from the evidence, and did not know anything about any symptoms deceased might have had. He had no reason to doubt that deceased died from natural causes.

In reply to the Coroner, Mr. PARKER said deceased had frequently complained to him of a pain at the heart.

Mr. WEARN, re-examined, said deceased appeared to be more cheerful than ordinary on her visit to her cousin's, she had talked more that day than he had known her to do for a long time. About three months ago, she had a fit and was confined to her bed for some days.

The Coroner having summed up, the jury returned a verdict to the effect that deceased "Died from natural causes."

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