

ISLE OF WIGHT TIMES Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 1870

Death Notice:-

**COOPER** .. On the 5<sup>th</sup> inst., suddenly, at the residence of her father, Mr. William LAWES, 16 Albert-street, Ryde, **Elizabeth**, widow of Mr. S.R. COOPER, aged 62 years.

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### SUDDEN DEATH

On Monday afternoon, an inquest was held at the Fountain inn, Player-street, Ryde, before Mr. E. BLAKE, the coroner, on the body of Mrs. **Elizabeth COOPER**, a widow, aged about sixty years who died on Saturday morning; under the circumstances detailed in the evidence below:-

Elizabeth HAYLES, widow, living in Albert-street, next door to the deceased, who lived with her father, Mr LAWES, said she saw her about eleven o'clock on Saturday morning; she was then sweeping. She then complained of not being very high spirited, not very well. She went into the house. In some quarter of an hour, witness was called by the sister of deceased. Her sister was holding deceased in her armchair; she had a brush in her hand; she had been taken sick. The sister was subject to fits; she had been in a fit since Saturday, and was not able to attend. Witness gave deceased a little brandy to allay the sickness. She got worse and complained of her head, and asked to be taken to bed. They were unable to get her into her own room, and laid her on a sofa. She appeared as if she were going to sleep, but died without a word, in less than half an hour from the time witness was called. She had long been subject to pains in her chest, and difficulty of breathing. All the family had had salt fish for breakfast that morning; what she threw up was fish and clear water. She had no power to walk when witness first saw her and she died without a struggle.

Miss Ellen LANE said she lived nearly opposite to the deceased. She knew Mrs .COOPER and all the family. Deceased had not been very well of late. About a quarter to twelve on Saturday morning, she was fetched by the previous witness; she went to deceased's house and found deceased partly on the floor and partly on the sofa. Mrs. HAYLES and deceased's sister were attempting to lift her. She had no power and her eyes were closed. Witness helped to put her on the sofa; she spoke to deceased, who attempted to open her eyes and speak to her. Deceased was unable to do that, and soon became unconscious. Dr. LOWDER and Mr. BARROW were sent for, but she died before their arrival, without a struggle.

Mr. BARROW said he did not know the deceased. When he saw her about an hour after death there was nothing unnatural in her appearance. From the evidence, he should imagine that she died from an effusion on the brain, caused by the disordered condition of the stomach.

----Verdict, Natural causes.

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