

MARRIAGE: c1875 Register Office, Nonconformist or RC Church, IW Registrars ref: RO22/16)  
**George D. PORTER & Annie ETHERIDGE.**

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ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 1881

### **FOUND DROWNED**

An inquest was held on Friday at the Lamb Inn, Stoke Village, before E. GOBLE Esq., (County Coroner), on the body of **George PORTER**, aged 39, which was found in Stokes Bay on Tuesday. It appeared that deceased was a coachman out of a situation.

George CAREW, of Forton-road, labourer, saw deceased floating about in the Bay. He got a boat and conveyed the body to land. P.C. JOHNSON received the body, and had it conveyed to the nearest house, which was the Lamb Inn.

Jabez MACKMIN said he resided at Ryde, and knew deceased. He last saw him alive on Monday, the 17<sup>th</sup> October. At about half-past 5 he saw two men from Portsmouth. They left about half-past 8 ; it was blowing hard. All the men took in his house was a quart of beer.

James COX said he was on the slipway at Ryde at about 5 o'clock on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October, and saw two men land from a boat. The men were sober at that time. About 9 o'clock they returned in company with the deceased. There were two oars and some sails in the boat, which he looked after while the men were absent. The parties were not sober when they left the slipway ; they were tumbling about in the boat after they left.

Dr. MEAD, of Anglesey, said he had seen the body, which was very much decomposed. He could not say if there were any marks of violence on it.

The jury returned a verdict of "Found Drowned."

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