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Address: 3 Back Lane, Ryde, Newchurch, IW.

Henry VANNER. Head. Mar. 39. Ostler. Ryde, Hants.

Hannah VANNER. Wife. Mar. 39. Ryde, Hants.

Jane VANNER. Dau. 10. Scholar. Ryde, Hants.

Rose VANNER. Dau. 7. Scholar. Ryde, Hants.

Harry VANNER. Son. 4. Scholar. Ryde, Hants.

Emily VANNER. Dau. 1. Ryde, Hants.

1861 CENSUS: RG9/658. folio 79. page 36.
Address: 30 Newport-road, Ryde, Newchurch, IW.

Henry VANNER. Head. Mar. 49. Labourer. Ryde, IW.

Hannah VANNER. Wife. Mar. 49. Ryde, IW.

Abraham VANNER. Son. Un. 26. Mariner. Ryde, IW.

Jane VANNER. Dau. Un. 20. Housemaid. Ryde, IW.

Rose VANNER. Dau. Un. 16. Housemaid. Ryde, IW.

Harry VANNER. Son. 14. Ostler. Ryde, IW.

Emily VANNER. Dau. 12. Scholar. Ryde, IW.

Fanny VANNER. Dau. 10. Scholar. Ryde, IW.

Georgina VANNER. Dau. 6. Scholar. Ryde, IW

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 6th August 1864

CORONERS INQUEST

An inquest was held at the Star Inn, on Tuesday afternoon, before F. BLAKE Esq., jun., deputy coroner for the Island, on the body of **Hannah VANNER**, 49 years of age, wife of Henry VANNER, of Newport-road, who was found dead in her bed on Sunday morning.

Emma VANNER, daughter of the deceased, said she last saw her mother alive on Saturday night about 12 o'clock ; she was then ironing, and appeared in good health. About 7 o'clock on Sunday morning she went into her mother's room and tried to wake her. "She felt cold." Her sister came down directly after, and they then found she was dead. She had never been subject to fits or fainting. Her father did not usually sleep in that room. Rose VANNER, also a daughter of the deceased had been out to work on Saturday last, and returned about 11 o'clock in the evening; her mother was then ironing. She remained with her until till after 12 o'clock, when she commenced undressing, and she (the witness) then went to bed. Her mother's custom was to sleep down stairs. She did not complain of illness, but said she was very tired, having been washing and ironing all day. She did not usually take suppers ; in fact, tea was generally her last meal. Soon after 7 o'clock on Sunday morning her sister called out to her, and she went down stairs directly and found her mother dead and cold. She was there when Dr. BEATON came. She was, generally speaking, a healthy woman. There was no appearance of a struggle. She had never complained of palpitation of the heart or fainting.

Georgina VANNER was at home all day on Saturday last, till about 4 p.m., when she went out for two hours only. Her mother had some tea for her breakfast, and at dinnertime a piece of bacon and egg. She never seen her take anything after that. She went with her mother to bed. Did not hear her speak during the night, nor had she heard her speak of illness at all during the previous day. She generally slept on her mother's arm and when she awoke in the morning her mother's arm was round her neck as usual.

Henry VANNER, the husband of the deceased, left home about 5 o'clock on Saturday

morning, and did not return till nearly 12 o'clock at night. He found his wife at work, and he, being very tired, went upstairs to sleep with his son. He left home about 5 o'clock on Sunday morning, and the lad that had slept with him came to stable in about two hours after and said his mother was dead. He went home, and went up to the bed, and saw her in the same position as when he left. They had had no words or disagreement of any kind. About 15 months ago she had a fever, and had never been so well since.

Dr. BEATON said he was sent for on Sunday last, and went immediately. He found the deceased lying in the kitchen on a sort of chest, with her left arm extended across a chair, and her right arm across her chest. Her features were quite placid and composed, and the body cold, and joints stiff and rigid. There were no marks of violence nor anything coming from the mouth or the least sign of struggle. The most probable cause of death was disease of the heart. Staying for a long time without food, coupled with a hard day's work, would accelerate the disease. There was no appearance of violence in any way. He had no doubt as to the cause of death. She was a woman of full habit, and the heart was weak and flabby. Hard work would be likely to cause disease.

The jury returned a verdict of "Death from natural causes."

A lengthened conversation then ensued as the cause of delay in holding the inquest, the deceased having been found early on Sunday morning and the inquest not being held till Tuesday afternoon. The police said they had sent a note to the superintendent by coach on Sunday. The coroner and the jury alike expressed their opinion that there had been the greatest neglect on the part of the police. The body was in a shocking state, and the family have been obliged to vacate the house, and this in the height of summer was likely to generate disease. Surely in such cases a special messenger should be sent to the coroner, or a telegraph message. It would not be unlikely for a note to be sent by a coach to have been lost, by which there would have been further delay. Mr. BLAKE said he had not heard of it until Monday mid-day.
