1851 CENSUS: HO107/1664. folio 189. page 22.

Abode: Durham Cottage, St. Thomas's Street, Ryde, IW.

Robert PACK. Head. M. 36. Draper. West Purley, Dorset.

Jane PACK. Wife. M. 41. Whippingham, IW.

George H. PACK. Son. 7. Scholar. Ryde, IW.

Frederick W. PACK. Son. 5. Scholar. Ryde, IW.

Ellen J. PACK. Dau. 1. At home. Ryde, IW.

Ann W. HOLLIS. Unm. 21. House Servant. West Cowes, IW.

Ann PRAGNELL. Unm. 15. House Servant. Newport, IW.

1871 CENSUS: RG10/1030. folio 43. page 9. Address: 28 Meadow-road, Hastings, Sussex.

Edmund SUTTON. Head. Mar. 38. Carpenter. Kilburn, London.

Mary A. SUTTON. Wife. Mar. 27. Hastings, Sussex.

Edith G. SUTTON. Dau. 1. Hastings, Sussex.

Amelia Florence SUTTON. Dau. 2mths. Hastings, Sussex.

Ellen TAYLOR. Wife's Sister. 12. Hastings, Sussex.

Robert PACK. Visitor head. Mar. 55. House Property & Shares. Dorsetshire.

Jane PACK. Wife. Mar. 59. Whippingham, IW.

Ellen J. PACK. Dau. Unm. 21. Ryde, IW.

1881 CENSUS: RG11/1179. folio 16. page 26.

Address: 15 Melville-street, Ryde, IW.

Jane PACK. Head. Widow. 70. No occupation. Whippingham, IW.

Ellen Jane PACK. Dau. Unm. 31. Ryde, IW.

Elizabeth ADAMS. Serv. Unm. 28. Newport, IW.

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MARRIAGE: 19th May 1903 at All Saints Church, Ryde, IW. Arthur CARTER. 46. Widower. (father: James CARTER)

& Ellen Jane PACK. 57. Spinster. (father: Robert PACK).

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## SUDDEN DEATH

The death occurred on Wednesday morning of Mrs. **CARTER**, of 7, Vernon Square. Dr. DAVIES was called in, who pronounced life extinct. An inquest will be held.

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## TRAGIC DISCOVERY

A particularly sad case of sudden death was inquired into by the Deputy-Coroner (Alderman

W.H.P.F. THIRKLE) at 7, Vernon Square, on Thursday afternoon. The deceased was Mrs. **Ellen Jane CARTER,** 71 years of age, who lived apart from her husband and has been residing with her brother, Mr. F.W. PACK, at the above address. She had recently complained of pains in her head and chest but would not have a doctor as she had always enjoyed excellent health and procured some medicine from a chemist, telling him she had ate scarcely anything for several days. On Tuesday afternoon her brother saw her in the house but when he returned from his evening walk she had retired to her room. Not hearing her about the next morning as was her custom, he went to her room and was shocked to find her sitting in the chair by the window, dead.

The following evidence was taken:-

Mr. Fred William PACK, of 7, Vernon Square, identified the body as that of his sister who was the wife of Mr. Arthur CARTER, but they had been living apart since 1912. only witness and deceased lived in the house, but a woman came in occasionally for housework. He last saw his sister alive on Tuesday afternoon about 4.p.m. He then went out, leaving her alone in the house. She had been complaining of her head and chest and he wanted to summon a doctor, but she declined as she had never previously had a day's illness nor a medical attendant, so was averse to having one now. She thought her illness was due to a cold and it was only lately she had any medicine. He returned at 9.30.p.m. and she was then in her room with the door closed. Deceased was in the habit of getting up about 9.30.a.m. to prepare coffee, but on Wednesday morning as he did not hear anyone about he subsequently went into her room for some matches and saw her sitting in a chair by the window opposite the door. She did not answer him when he spoke and when he touched her he knew she was dead. Deceased was fully dressed and the bed had not been slept in, he called a neighbour, and also went for Mr. DAVIES. She had felt the cold weather very much this winter. In reply to Mr. C.G. VINCENT witness said that in 1910 they lived in Pellhurst-road, deceased, her husband and himself. After that the witness went to South Africa, and when he returned to England he went to live with deceased whose husband had then left her.

Mr. E.W. POLLARD, chemist, High-street, said that about noon on Monday deceased called for a bottle of indigestion mixture like she had about a year before. He remembered it and supplied it to her. She complained of the cold and that she could not eat, not have been able to eat a good meal for several days.

Dr. DAVIES deposed that Mr. PACK came to his house about 8.30 on Wednesday morning and he followed him to the house where he saw deceased sitting in the chair as described by her brother, her head and shoulders touching the ledge of the wall. He came to the conclusion that death was due to natural causes and that she had been dead About 12 to 15 hours. There was no sign of a struggle, and he attributed death to heart failure. Witness afterwards conducted a post-mortem examination when he found she had burst a blood vessel close to her heart, which was directly the cause of death and which was probably accelerated by the cold weather. She suffered no pain, death being instantaneous and like the busting of her heart.

The Coroner returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence

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