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Address: 54 Newport-street, Ryde, IW.

William J. THOMPSON. Head. M. 56. Yacht (Mate). Ryde, IW.
Eliza THOMPSON. Wife. M. 56. Basingstoke, Hants.

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DEATH ON BINSTEAD HILL

A Ryde yachtsman named **William THOMPSON**, who resided with his sister at 54, Newport-street, died with painful suddenness on Wednesday afternoon. Deceased started to walk towards Cowes, and when proceeding up Binstead Hill was seen to stagger and fall. He was taken to the house of Mr. WICKETT near by and Dr. PRIDMORE was promptly summoned. On his arrival, however, he could only state that death had already taken place, and the body was subsequently removed home. Deceased as far as it is known had not been medically attended lately, and an inquiry into his death was held this (Friday) evening when the verdict of "Death from natural causes" was returned.

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Death Notice:-

THOMPSON : On April 27th, 1910, at Ryde, **William THOMPSON**, aged 65 years.

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LONG WALK PRECEDES DEATH

The Deputy Coroner for the Island (Mr. F.A. JOYCE) conducted the inquest on Friday last at the Ryde Police Station into the circumstances attending the death of Mr. **William James THOMPSON**, mariner, of 54, Newport-street, Ryde, who died suddenly whilst walking at Binstead on the previous Wednesday. Mr B. GAGE was foreman of the jury.

Emily Louisa THOMPSON, spinster, said she had been living with her brother at the above address. He was 66 years of age. She last saw him alive last Wednesday at 7.30 a.m. Deceased went upstairs to dress, saying he was going to Cowes to find work. She then left for her work. Lately deceased had complained a good deal of his back. He was attended for gout two years ago by Dr. PRIDMORE. Witness came home at a quarter to one, and later in the afternoon received information that he had died on the road.

Albert WICKETT, 9, son of William WICKETT, Guelandry Cottage, Binstead, said that at 4 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon he was going up Chapel-Road, Binstead. He saw a man who was walking towards Ryde down Binstead Hill fall down. Witness was close to him, and he ran in and told his father, who brought out a chair and some water. The man did not cry out. He did not fall over anything.

William WICKETT, father of the last witness, stated that on Wednesday afternoon his boy ran in and told him a man had fallen down outside. Witness saw the deceased lying half off the

pavement at the bottom of the hill. Witness had walked up the hill with the deceased that morning at about 9 o'clock. Witness remarked "I cannot walk as fast as you Mr. THOMPSON." Deceased said he would not walk so fast. When witness found deceased on his face he brought him in and washed his face. He afterwards sent for assistance. Deceased did not speak when witness asked what was the matter, and as far as he knew deceased did not breathe after he found him.

Dr. J.W. PRIDMORE said that on Wednesday he was called to the house of the last witness. He found deceased at about 4.45, and he was then quite dead. He had a bruise on the nose caused by the fall in the road. Witness had attended the deceased some time ago for rheumatism. At a post-mortem made that morning witness found that the valves on the left side of the heart were seriously diseased. Deceased in his opinion died from syncope resulting from old and rheumatic disease of the heart. Deceased probably over-exerted himself walking that distance. Deceased probably had died instantaneously.

The Deputy Coroner said that the evidence given was sufficient to enable the jury to come to the conclusion that the deceased died as suggested by the medical witness.

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