

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January 1882

Death Notice:-

**ELLIDGE** .. On January 4<sup>th</sup>, 1882, suddenly at 27, Union-street, Ryde, Mr. George T. J. ELLIDGE, many years traveller for Messrs. HODGKINSON & Co., of London, aged 46 years.

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**SUDDEN DEATH AT RYDE.**

The Deputy-Coroner, E. F. BLAKE, Esq., held an inquest this Friday afternoon, at Wavell's Hotel, touching the death of Mr. George Thomas ELLIDGE, 46, late of 156, Park-road, Crouch End, Middlesex, who died very suddenly. The first witness called was-

John Wesley ELLIDGE, who deposed: I am a chemist in Union-street, Ryde. The deceased was my brother, and his name was George Thomas ELLIDGE. He had no fixed residence, and was a commercial traveller. He had lodgings in London. He came to see me last Saturday on a visit for a few days. I expected him. He seemed in his usual health. His liver seemed a little out of order, but he did not complain of anything. On Wednesday evening I was called into the sitting room by my sister. I went at once and found deceased sitting in the chair unconscious. I thought it was a bilious attack, and fetched some sal volatile and water, but I hardly knew whether he swallowed it or not. The last words I heard him say were "Send for a doctor." I sent for one, and Dr. PLETTS came. He came very soon-- a quarter to 7 I think. I could not believe he was dead. I last saw deceased previously about 6 o'clock. He ate a good tea and sat reading. It was a very quiet day, and he only went for a walk in the morning.

By a jurymen: I only gave him a little whisky before I did the sal volatile. I know now both were useless.

Dr. J. Menham PLETTS deposed-- The deceased was a stranger to me. A little before 7 on Wednesday evening I was sent for to Mr. ELLIDGE's, the chemist. I went at once. Found deceased sitting in an arm chair. I examined him immediately and pronounced him dead. He had been dead probably about a minute. I noticed the deceased had coughed up a small quantity of blood, and I supposed that he had broken a blood vessel and that haemorrhage was going on in his chest. I made a post-mortem examination this morning. I find the body exceedingly well nourished. The left side of the chest was filled with blood. There was some disease of the valves of the heart and an aneurysm of the aorta, a large artery from the heart. That had burst, and that would cause instantaneous death.

The Coroner.-- it is an unusual thing for a man to have aneurysm of the aorta and not know it.

Dr. PLETTS said this was not near the heart, but some distance from it, and unless it grew to a large size it would cause no inconvenience. This was not large, and he did not suppose deceased knew of it.

The Coroner having briefly summed up, a verdict of death from natural causes was returned.

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