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Address: 19 Bettesworth-road, Asheys, Ryde, IW.

John GRIST. Head. M. 36. Bricklayer. Ryde, IW.

Emma GRIST. Wife. M. 34. Guildford, Surrey.
John GRIST. Son. 12. Errand Boy (Port). Portsea, Hants.
Gertrude GRIST. Dau. 11. Portsea, Hants.
Elsie GRIST. Dau. 8. Portsea, Hants.
William GRIST. Son. 6. Portsea, Hants.
Lilian GRIST. Dau. 3. Portsea, Hants.

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GRIST John, 6 Bettesworth-road, Asheys, Ryde, IW.

By 1911 the family were living at 58 Arthur-street, Ryde.

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Death Notice:-

GRIST .. April 27, **John GRIST**, of Ryde, aged 56. Mrs. GRIST and family, of 60 Arthur-street, wish to thank all kind friends for sympathy shown in their sad and sudden bereavement, also for floral tributes sent.

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 7th May 1921

SUDDEN DEATH
Called for a drink and died

A sad case of a sudden death occurred in St. John's-road, on Wednesday evening, last week, the deceased being **John GRIST**, a mason about 56 years of age who has been resident of Arthur-street for a number of years, he had been working in Cowes and returned to St. John's-road Station by the workmens train arriving after 6.p.m. He walked to the New Inn and called for a glass of beer when he suddenly collapsed and died. The Police were sent for and he was taken in an ambulance to the mortuary where he was seen by Dr. EDWARDS who pronounced life extinct.

The Deputy- Coroner (W.H.P. THIRKELL, Esq), sitting without a jury, held an inquest on the body of John GRIST, at the Primitive Methodist Schoolroom, High-street, on Saturday, when the following evidence was given:

George William GRIST, Winchester-road, Winchester, Hants, gardener, identified the body as that of his father, 56, who had been working on the West Cowes housing scheme since February last, and had travelled each day, between that place and St. John's-road station, Ryde, he returned on Wednesday evening, at his usual time, about 6.30, and as was his habit called at the New Inn, partly for a rest and to get a glass of beer; as he had said the hill was too much for him without resting. Witness had not been home for twelve months, but to his knowledge deceased had not been attended by a doctor for about seven years when he was suffering from lumbago. He used to complain of indigestion and his wife often advised him to see a doctor, but he would not do so.

George CHAFFEY, landlord of the "New inn," St. John's-road, stated that he had known deceased for over seven years and he was in the habit of calling at witness's house most evenings

on his way from the station. About 6.40.p.m. on Wednesday the 27th, he came into the public bar as usual and he served him with a glass of bitter beer which was his usual drink and entered into conversation with him as he stood by the partition. Deceased had remarked to him on several occasions that he found the hill was very trying to him and sometimes he would sit down, but he did not do so on this occasion. He picked up the glass and without drinking any, fell forward on to the floor, cutting his chin. Witness at first thought it was a fit and they turned him over and unloosened his collar and tie. He immediately sent for a doctor and notified the police.

Charles JONES, labourer, 16 Newport-street, stated he was in the public bar of the “New Inn” when the deceased came in and asked for a glass of beer. The man spoke to several people in the bar, and did not appear exhausted at all. On picking up his glass he fell forward on to the floor on his face without any warning. Witness helped him up and having unloosened his collar turning him on his back when he just breathed. P.C. DEBENHAM removed the body, and he also heard the doctor pronounce life extinct.

Dr. L.P. Lorimer EDWARDS, George-street, deposed that he was called at 6.50.p.m. to the “New Inn” on the evening in question and saw the body of the deceased lying on the floor in the bar. Life was extinct. There was an open wound in the chin which was caused by the fall. Witness made a post-mortem examination and found the arteries of the heart were calcified and the left side of that organ empty of blood, which indicated cardiac failure. All the other organs were normal, except for the kidneys, which showed signs of chlorosis. The body was well nourished and the immediate cause of death was heart failure.

P.C. DEBENHAM stated that on the evening in question he was called to the “New Inn” and found deceased lying on his back in the bar apparently dead. Dr. EDWARDS arrived a few seconds afterwards. With the assistance of P.C. HODGES he removed the body to the mortuary.

A verdict of “Death from natural causes” was recorded.

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