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Address: Swanmore-road, Ryde, IW.

Daniel HUGHES. Head. M. 52. Town Porter. Henley on Thames.

Bridget HUGHES. Wife. M. 50. Ireland.

Mary J. HUGHES. Dau. S. 21. Parlourmaid Domestic. Preston, Lancs.

John P. HUGHES. Son. S. 19. Valet Domestic. Ryde, IW.

Fanny HUGHES. Dau. S. 18. Housemaid Domestic. Ryde, IW.

Thomas HUGHES. Son. 13. Ryde, IW.

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Death Notice:-

HUGHES: On July 24th, at 75 Swanmore-Road, Ryde, I.W., suddenly, from apoplexy, **John Patrick**, eldest and dearly beloved son of Daniel HUGHES and the late Mrs. HUGHES, aged 31 years and 3 days. R.I.P. sadly missed.

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PORTER'S SUDDEN DEATH

An inquiry was held at the Primitive Methodist Church Schoolroom, on Friday afternoon last, touching the death of **John Patrick HUGHES**, aged 31, living with his father at No. 75 Swanmore-Road, whose sudden death on Wednesday evening necessitated an inquest.

The Coroner (Mr. F.A. JOYCE), said in this case the Police had gone to a great deal of trouble to get all the evidence available, but he did not think they would want to hear it all. No doubt they would be able to come to some conclusion if they called the doctor to give evidence early, for he thought the *post mortem* examination would clear up matters.

Daniel HUGHES, said he last saw his son alive on Wednesday evening when he brought him outside the Pier Gates, where their trucks were, and told him to go home. The deceased was sitting down on the platform inside the station, and he thought he had had some drink. He was very dazed. When he saw the deceased at 6 o'clock he was quite sober and on the other side of the platform. Witness returned home about quarter to nine and about an hour later, his other son Thomas, told him he thought deceased was going to be sick. Witness hurried upstairs took the deceased's head on his arm and pulled him round and called "Jack" three times, but he was gone. He had never known his son to have a fit or anything in the street. the deceased had not been medically attended for the last six or seven years. He was told that the deceased had been helped home that evening.

Dr. J.W. PRIDMORE, Ryde, said he was called to see the deceased on Wednesday at about 11 pm. He found him dead. He made a *post mortem* and found there was a big clot of blood on the right side of the brain which was quite sufficient to cause death. That would be produced by natural causes and not by a blow. It was possible that a cerebral effusion like that would come on rather slowly. In this case it had undoubtedly come on very slowly. It was not usual in a young man like that.

George PATRICK retired horse trainer, living at 82a George-Street, said that on last Wednesday evening about 7 o'clock he saw a man coming up the street on the opposite side to his home. The man reeled, rolled and fell. He made six of seven attempts to rise before he could get up and catch hold of some rails. He started to walk again and fell on the small of his back and struck his head on a step. Witness called a man who helped the deceased home.

Mary Jane HUGHES, of 75 Swanmore-Road, said her brother was brought home on Wednesday evening at about 7.30 by a young man. He had no coat on and she asked the young man what the deceased had been doing as he had no coat on. The young man said he had brought him home from George-Street but did not know where his coat was. She got the deceased indoors and took his boots and socks off and said to him "Come to bed," but he said he did not want to go to bed. At a quarter to eight he was sleeping heavily. She could not make out what was the matter with him. She went to him on several occasions but he was sleeping heavily all the time.

The Coroner said he did not think they need discuss the case further as they were quite satisfied as to the cause of death. According to the evidence of deceased's father and of Mr. PATRICK the deceased appeared to be drunk, but that together with the inability to speak, the heavy breathing and dazed appearance, were characteristic signs of an apoplectic seizure. The medical evidence confirmed those signs. The police had been put to a great deal of trouble over the matter through hearing remarks made, and they had got together a lot of evidence but he did not think it necessary to carry the case any farther.

The jury conferred for a short while and brought in a verdict of death through cerebral hemorrhage.

(Also in the IW Times Thurs 1st Aug 1912 no further information)

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