

MARRIAGE: 1893 Register Office, Nonconformist or RC Church (IW Registrars ref: RO38/71)  
**Alfred William WHEELER & Emmeline WHITE.**

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Address: Whitewalls Place, Thorley, IW.

**Alfred W. WHEELER. Head. M. 30. Estate Woodman on Farm. Wootton Bridge, IW.**  
Emmeline WHEELER. Wife. M. 35. Bere Regis, Dorsetshire.

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Death Notice:-

**WHEELER:** Aug. 23, suddenly, at 25, Park-Road, Ryde, **Alfred William WHEELER**, of Yarmouth, I.W, aged 55.

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### **DIED IN ARMCHAIR** **The Inquest**

The Deputy Coroner (W.H.P. THIRKELL, Esq.) held an inquest at the Primitive Methodist Schoolroom in High-Street, on Monday afternoon into the circumstances attending the sudden death of **Alfred William WHEELER** (55), woodman and gardener, of Yarmouth, I.W., which occurred in the house of his brother-in-law, Mr. S.E. BISHOP, at 35, Park-Road, Ryde, on Sunday.

Mrs. WHEELER, of Yarmouth, the widow, identified the body and said her husband was a woodman but had recently been green keeper at St. John's Park, Ryde, staying at the time of his death With his brother-in-law, Mr. S.E. BISHOP at 35 Park-Road, their private residence being "Cliftonville," Yarmouth. Her husband had always been in good health during their married life of 32 years, and the only time he had been to a doctor was two or three years ago and then he did not stay home from work. He used to get cramp in his legs, but that was the only complain the made about his health. She last saw him on Wednesday in last week in Park-Road when he seemed quite well.

Sydney Ernest BISHOP, 35 Park-Road, stated that deceased had been staying with him since Monday, 17<sup>th</sup>, he did not complain of his health until Friday at teatime and he then complained of pains in his stomach. Witness suggested that he should have a doctor but he declined, saying he would be alright in the morning. On Saturday morning he seemed as well as usual, although he had little rest during the night. Witness slept in the same room. Deceased went to the place of his employment at High Park, but told the boy who helped him that he was not well enough to resume work. He then returned to the house and had dinner with his sister (witness's wife). Witness returned from his work about 8.30.p.m. as usual when he heard that deceased was in bed. He told him he was better and was going home to Yarmouth on Sunday. Deceased had taken some medication purchased at Mr. POLLARD'S and he had another dose before he went to bed. He got up at 7.15 on Sunday morning with the intention of returning home to Yarmouth, and had a cup of tea and after that took his medicine. Deceased said he felt much better but he added "I can't shift this wind," referring to his stomach. He was sitting in an armchair, and immediately afterwards he fell back in a collapsed state. Witness sent for Dr. PRIDMORE, and Dr. CLARKE acting for him arrived about 7.45 and he pronounced life extinct.

Dr. Stephen CLARKE, locum, tenens for Dr. J.W. PRIDMORE, deposed that he found the

deceased sitting in a chair in the kitchen and he was just dead. Witness had that day made a post mortem examination of the body and found the heart dilated and flabby, the lungs being congested and liver partly enlarged. He also found a rupture of the abdominal aorta which caused internal bleeding, and gave rise to aneurism of the heart, which was the primary cause of death. The stomach was dilated, which created the flatulence he complained of.

A verdict in accordance with the medical evidence was returned.

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