

MARRIAGE: Sept ¼ 1888 (General Registrars ref: Axbridge Reg Dist. Vol 5c. Page 815)
James HIBBS & **Alice MILLARD**

1891 CENSUS: RG12/1652. folio 23. page 22.
Address: 11 High East Street, Dorchester, Dorsetshire.

James HIBBS. Head. Mar. 31. Fishmonger. Dorchester, Dorsetshire.
Alice HIBBS. Wife. Mar. 28. Biddisham, Somersetshire.
Thomas HIBBS. Son. 2. Dorchester, Dorsetshire.
Maude HIBBS. Dau. 9mths. Dorchester, Dorsetshire.

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ELDERLY WOMAN'S FALL
Inquest Verdict of Natural Causes

An elderly woman's fall downstairs resulted in an inquest which was held by the Acting Deputy Coroner, Mr. W. H. P. F. THIRKELL, at the High Street Methodist Schoolroom on Monday. The deceased was Mrs. **Alice HIBBS** (71) a widow, who had rooms at 43 Well Street, and who died after a fall down the stairs on Friday.

Mrs. Alice Maud Millard WHITE, of 1 Abingdon Road, the daughter of the deceased, said that her mother was the widow of James HIBBS, formerly a fishmonger at Dorchester. She last saw her mother on Thursday afternoon, when deceased complained that she had been sick in the morning, but was otherwise quite cheerful. Witness advised her to see a doctor, but she (several words not readable) take some medicine. She then left for her rooms, and about midday on Friday witness was called there, but when she arrived her mother was dead. With the exception of biliousness her mother had enjoyed good health.

Mrs. Mary Anne TAYLOR, widow, of 43 Well Street, said that deceased had been living with her for three weeks. On Friday morning deceased had no breakfast, but just a cup of tea, as she had been ill for a day or two. At 11.40 a.m. she spoke to witness in her bedroom, and then went into her own bedroom and brought out two or three mats. She passed witness's room towards the stairs, and witness then heard a thud, and going out saw deceased lying huddled on the landing. Witness summoned the neighbours and Dr. LEISCHING was called. Deceased only drew three breaths, and was gone. Her hearing and sight were good, and she was very active.

Dr. A.C. LEISCHING gave evidence that he was called to the house on Friday and found deceased lying on a half-landing, having evidently fallen from the top, five stairs above. She had a bruise over the left temple where she had struck a small wooden stand. Death had taken place a few minutes before he arrived. A post mortem examination was conducted next day and no injury to the skull or brain was found. The heart showed chronic rheumatic inflammation and fatty degeneration. There was acute dilation, probably the effect of exertion upon an already diseased heart.

A verdict that death was due to natural causes was recorded.

Mr. W. HIBBS, a son of the deceased, thanked Dr. LEISCHING and also P.C. HODGES for what they had done to help.

BURIAL: 29th May 1934 at The Cemetery, West-street, Ryde, IW.
Alice HIBBS aged 71 years.
