

1891 CENSUS: RG12/903. folio 23. page 39.

Address: 9 Registered Common Lodging House, North-road, Christchurch, Boscombe, Bournemouth.

Margaret BECK. Lodger. Widow. 37. Peddler. London.

Mary BECK. Lodger. 10. Brighton, Sussex.

*(plus 8 other lodgers)*

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1898 KELLY's DIRECTORY of Hampshire & Isle of Wight - page 369

**BECK** Mrs. 8 St. John's-road, Ryde, IW.

1910 KELLY's DIRECTORY of the Isle of Wight - page 247

**BECK** Mrs. 2 Bank-place, Ryde, IW.

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ISLE OF WIGHT TIMES Thursday 11th April 1918

### **DEATH IN THE STREET**

#### **Inquest at Ryde**

An inquest was held at the Primitive Methodist Schoolroom, Ryde, on Wednesday afternoon before Mr. W. H. P. F. THIRKELL, acting deputy coroner for the Island, touching the death of **Margaret BECK**, residing at 2a Bank Place, High-street, Ryde, a licensed hawkker, who had died suddenly in the street on the previous day. Mr. L. BRIND was chosen foreman of the jury, and the Chief Constable (Mr. Charles GREENSTREET) was present representing the police.

Richard HUGHES, of 2a Bank Place, Ryde, identified the body as that of Margaret BECK, a widow, with whom he had been living for about 12 years. She had relatives--sisters--in London, but he did not know much about them. One sister had visited the deceased some time ago and stayed with her for a month. The deceased was he thought, about 59 years of age--he could not say exactly. She had been complaining of her heart for some little time and had suffered great pain but she had not been medically attended. On the day of her death she had again complained of pain and had taken some brandy to try and get relief. She went to see Dr. KENNEDY but he was not at home, and at the time of her death she was on her way to try and see him again as she had been told to call about 4 o'clock. She had only just left home when she fell down. He was going to accompany her to the doctor's but was following her from the house. A woman at a bicycle shop told him to hurry as deceased had fallen down and when he reached her she was lying in the road. She was not dead then, but unconscious. Witness ran to the Hospital for a doctor and on his return she was dead.

George HARVEY, of 72 Swanmore-road, a carter in the employ of the Borough Council, said he saw the deceased fall in High-street as he was going along with his cart and at once went to her assistance. He felt her pulse and found it was just fluttering and she died almost at once.

Dr. J. PRIDMORE, said that on Tuesday afternoon he was at the Hospital and in response to a message he went to Hill-street, where he found deceased lying on the pavement quite dead. She had a scalp wound at the back of her head, which was bleeding slightly and she was very blue. The wound was the result of her fall but would not be sufficient to cause death. In his opinion she had a sudden heart failure. The woman ought to have been in bed for days, but she was walking about and thus rendered herself more liable to the heart attacks and more liable to succumb to one of them. She had been dead just a few minutes when he arrived. The body was quite warm.

The learned coroner briefly summed up and the jury returned a verdict of death from natural causes.

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