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Abode: Bank Gardens, Ryde, IW.

Edward JENVEY. Head. M. 39. Postman. Lymington, Hants.

Ellen JENVEY. Wife. M. 38. Wootton, IW.

George JENVEY. Son. 14. Porter (Chemist). Ryde, IW.

Frederick A. JENVEY. Son. 11. Ryde, IW.

Hilda A. JENVEY. Dau. 10. Ryde, IW.

Nellie JENVEY. Dau. 5. Ryde, IW.

Ethel JENVEY. Dau. 2. Ryde, IW.

Charles JENVEY. Son. 8. Ryde, IW.

MARRIAGE: 1915 at All Saints Parish Church

Charles S. QUELCH & **Nellie D. JENVEY.**

MARRIAGE: 1939 at the Register Office or Non-conformist Church

Albert W. QUELCH & **Nellie D. QUELCH (formerly JENVEY).**

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RYDE HUSBAND'S SAD DISCOVERY

A husband's sad discovery of his wife's dead body by the side of a gas stove was told the Deputy Coroner (R. E. A. WESTER, Esq.) at an inquest at Ryde on Monday.

The deceased was Mrs. Nellie Dorothy QUELCH, age 46, wife of Albert William QUELCH, an auxiliary postman, of 53 West-street, Ryde. P.S. TURNBULL was the police officer present.

The husband stated that shortly before their marriage in June 1938, his wife underwent a severe operation at the County Hospital, after which she appeared to be in good health. Her sister, who was his first wife, died in 1933 from cancer. As she felt poorly in September Dr. GILL was called in and instead of being naturally bright she became low spirited, but never threatened to take her life. On January 16th she was advised by GILL to go to the County Hospital to see Dr. HARLOW, who had previously operated on her, and when she returned she said the pain in her stomach was ten times worse, and she went to bed. He retired at 9.15, sleeping in the same room but not in the same bed. He heard nothing during the night, but when he awoke at 4.45 a.m. he found that his wife was not in bed. He found her lying on the scullery floor with her forehead on two cushions, with a coat and towel over her head, and the gas tube from the gas stove quite close to her mouth. He turned off the gas, opened all the windows, and sent for Dr. GILL. His wife was depressed on the previous night.

Mrs. Edith PRITCHARD, of 94 Arthur-street, said she had visited Mrs. QUELCH every afternoon for three weeks. She had complained to witness of pains in the stomach and a short while ago said "I wish I could lay down and die." On Friday she accompanied Mrs. QUELCH to the hospital to see Dr. HARLOW and it was decided she should have an X-ray examination. When they returned home Mrs. QUELCH felt very ill and witness got her to bed. She was very quiet and not her natural self, but witness had never heard her threaten to take her life.

Dr. G. A. UPCOTT-GILL said he had attended deceased since last September when she was suffering from jaundice. He knew she had been operated on for a severe case of cancer and it was a matter of congratulation to Dr. HARLOW that it was so well performed. Recently she had complained of pains in the stomach and he had no doubt she was thinking of a recurrence of the trouble. She was suffering from gallstones, and he had advised her to see Dr. HARLOW to re-assure her. When he was called to the house on Saturday she was dead, death being due to coal-gas poisoning.

P.C. COOK said the meter was one of the 1s. in the slot type and all the gas had not been exhausted.

In returning a verdict that deceased died from coal-gas poisoning, self-administered while the balance of her mind had become deranged, the Coroner said undoubtedly the deceased feared a recurrence of cancer, and having been operated on once she felt she could not face it again. He expressed deep sympathy with the husband.
