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Address: 2 Hambledon Cott, Haylands, Ryde, IW.

**Joseph WILLIAMS. Head. M. 47. Painter. Ryde, IW.**

Emily WILLIAMS. Wife. M. 46. Laundress. Ryde, IW.

Florence WILLIAMS. Dau. S. 21. Ryde, IW.

Alice WILLIAMS. Dau. S. 19. Ryde, IW.

John WILLIAMS. Son. S. 16. Ryde, IW.

George WILLIAMS. Son. 13. Scholar. Ryde, IW.

William READ. Visitor. S. 20. Tailor. Shanklin, IW.

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ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER March 25<sup>th</sup> 1899.

**SUDDEN DEATH AT HAYLANDS**

The Coroner, Mr E.F. BLAKE, held an inquest at the Lake Huron, Haylands, on Monday morning, upon **Joseph WILLIAMS**, a painter, who had died with painful suddenness on the previous Saturday. The jury of which Mr G.H.BENNET was foreman, having viewed the body, the following evidence was taken.

Emily WILLIAMS, the widow of the deceased, deposed that they lived in Haylands. Her husband, who was a painter by trade, was 57 years old, and his general health had been very good. He did not complain till Wednesday last, when he said he did not feel very well, but it was not thought necessary to have medical advice. He stayed at home on Thursday, but on Friday, feeling better, he went to work again. When he came back from his work on Friday, he said he was feeling much better. He got up on Saturday morning about 7 30. He did not go to his work till 8. Deceased was fully dressed, but was leaning forward putting on his shoe. He had just finished tying his shoe when he uttered the exclamation "Oh dear." Seeing that he was very ill, she said "Try and move into the easy chair, while I go and get you some water." Deceased got up to sit in the other chair, which was close by, and fell backward. Thinking he had fainted she went out to get him some cold water, and she gave him a spoonful or so of brandy, but he could not take it, Finding that she could not get him round, she rapped for Mr TOPP, a neighbour, who came, and when he looked at deceased said "Oh Mrs WILLIAMS he is dead." She did not know he was dead, but thought he was in a faint. Deceased had never suffered from heart disease that she was aware of, but he had complained on Wednesday of indigestion, and put it down to a piece of beef he had eaten, but he said he was better on Friday.

Mr RIDDETT said he had met the deceased on Friday night coming home from work, and was going to ask if he would go to a parish meeting, but seeing an expression of pain on his face, he did not say anything except "Good night." To which deceased replied.

Dr. WOODWARD deposed that he knew deceased, but had never attended him. He was sent for on Saturday morning about 9 o'clock, and came at once. Found deceased in the bedroom. He was quite dead. He made an external examination, but could not form any opinion as to the cause of death, but should think it was probably heart disease. There were no marks of violence. It was unusual for a man who did not complain of his heart, to die so suddenly.

The Coroner, in summing up, said there was no reason for supposing that this poor man died from other than natural causes. If there had been any reasonable supposition that he had died from other than natural causes, it would have been his duty to have ordered a post-mortem. But, whether he died from apoplexy or heart disease, did not matter, if they were satisfied he died from natural causes.

The jury found a verdict accordingly.

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