1851 CENSUS: HO107/1664. Folio 240. Page 33. Address: 23 Union-road, Ryde, Newchurch, IW.

William WEARN. Head. Mar. 30. Labourer. Ryde, Hants.

Emily WEARN. Wife. Mar. 37. Ryde, Hants. Emily WEARN. Dau. 6. Ryde, Hants. William WEARN. Son. 5. Ryde, Hants. Vashti WEARN. Dau. 3. Ryde, Hants. Mary WEARN. Mother. 56. George WEARN. Brother. 21. Ryde, Hants. William SIVILLE. Visitor. 35. Shoemaker. Ryde, Hants.

1861 CENSUS: RG9/658. Folio 125. Page 11. Address: Oakfield, St. John's, Ryde, IW.

William WEARN. Head. Mar. 39. General Labourer. Newchurch, Hants.

Emily WEARN. Wife. Mar. 49. Laundress. Farley, Wilts. Emily H. WEARN. Dau. Un. 17. Laundress. Newchurch, Hants. William WEARN. Son. 15. Chemist. Newchurch, Hants. Vashti WEARN. Dau. 12. Scholar. Newchurch, IW.

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 24 November 1866

CORONER'S INQUEST

An inquest was held Tuesday last at the Oakfield inn, Oakfield, near Ryde, on the body of **Wm**. **WEARN**, aged 45 years, who was found dead on the previous Sunday afternoon. The following evidence was adduced:

Emily WEARN said deceased was her husband. About half-past 1 p.m. on Sunday deceased was at home, and had just had his dinner, and went upstairs to lay down, as he was accustomed on Sunday afternoons. Witness went upstairs about half hour afterwards, and went into an adjoining room and remained there about three-quarters of an hour. Witness heard the deceased make an unusual noise--- something like snoring. She went in to him and saw him lying on his left side, and could see there was something the matter with him. She called her daughter and son, and sent the latter for a doctor. The doctor came, but he was then dead. She did not go to him again after she sent for the doctor, she thought and believed he was dead when she first went to him. She put her hand upon him, but he did not breathe. He had made a hearty dinner. He complained about ten days since of a pain in his chest, but she had not heard him complain since. Six weeks or two months ago he complained of palpitation of the heart, but he had not done lately.

Vaslite WEARN, daughter of the deceased, was at home on the day in question, and had dinner with him. After dinner he went upstairs to lay down, as he usually did. He had not complained of being ill. About an hour after he had gone upstairs witness was going upstairs and heard a noise from her father's room like a loud snore. She went and told her mother, and she went into the room and called him several times, but he did not answer. My mother then called me, and I went into the room, and my father was then lying on his side. We then went for the doctor, and he came and told us he was dead. She had not heard her father lately complain of being ill, nor did she remember ever having heard him complain.

William LANGDON said he lived at Oakfield, and was a shoemaker. He had known deceased many years, and last saw him on Sunday morning, about 8 o' clock. He was then very well, and they walked down the village together. He then left him to go home to breakfast. After breakfast he went to

witness' to get some cabbage, and they then went for a little walk down to the railway station and saw the train come in. On their walking hack it came on to rain, and they went to deceased's house. Some little time after they went out again, and had a chat, and about half-past 12 they had a pint of beer each. They then went to their respective homes, and witness never saw him again.

Dr. BEATON said he was a surgeon practising at Ryde, and was called for on Sunday last between 3 and 4 o'clock p.m. He went directly his house, and found him lying in bed. His head was inclined to the left side. He was quite dead. His body was warm. He attended him last year for a severe attack of rheumatic fever, and he understood that he had previously had attacks of gout. He had never complained of his heart, but from the frequency of which the disease of the heart attacks of rheumatism and gout follows, he thought it very probable that he suffered from disease of the heart, and that that was the cause of death. His death must have been quiet and his countenance was placid. He had no reason to believe that death arose from anything but natural causes.

The jury returned verdict of "Died by the visitation of God, from natural causes."

Researched by Ann Barrett