

SAD DEATH OF AN OLD LADY AT RYDE

An inquest was held at the York Hotel, George-street, Ryde, on Tuesday by the Coroner (E.F. BLAKE, Esq.) on the body of **Eliza Mary FORSYTH**, aged 82. Mr. J. C. HARTNALL was the foreman of the jury.

John James FORSYTH, of 7 George-street, said deceased was his mother. She had lived with witness in that house rather more than two years. She met with an accident on Sunday, between 6 and 7 in the evening. She was going upstairs and witness heard a noise. Deceased called out and he went out and found his mother at the turn in the stairs. He picked her up and got her up into her room. She complained of the back of her head and shoulder. She was placed on a couch, but was afterwards carried to bed. Dr. WOODWARD was sent for and attended at about 10 o'clock. Deceased was then conscious. She said she was going upstairs and stopped at the turn to rest, as she was in feeble health. In trying to catch hold of the rail to go further up, she missed it, lost her balance, and fell downwards. She died on the previous day at about half past 4.

Dr. A. WOODWARD, M.R.C.S., deposed that he was sent for on Sunday evening and saw the deceased upstairs in bed. Witness had known her about 12 months. She was suffering from partial collapse on Sunday evening and he looked upon her case as serious, partly on account of her age. He prescribed for her. She was not able to speak. On Monday, at about 2 o'clock, when he saw her again she was very much worse. At that time she was dying. Had not the least doubt that she died from the injury caused by the fall – concussion of the upper part of the spine.

The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death."
