

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 26th February 1870

FATAL ACCIDENT. – We regret having to record an accident which happened on Monday night to a little boy named George GAWN, whose parents reside in Union-road. The poor little fellow, who was only five years old, had been suffering from the measles, which had rendered him fretful. His mother, who was very busy on the night in question, put him in an upstairs room out of the way, leaving a lighted candle on the table. A short time afterwards frightful screams were heard issuing from the room, and its mother, on going in, found the poor child had knocked over the candle and caught the table cloth and pinafore on fire. The flames were quickly extinguished, but he was so badly burnt that on Tuesday evening about 10 o'clock he died, after great suffering.

NB: We note a discrepancy with the age of the child, he was actually only 2 years old.

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