

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 13th October 1900

MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF A RYDE HOUSE-MAID.

An inquest was held on Monday at West Ichenor on the body of a woman who was found on the mud of Chichester Harbour on Friday.- The deceased was identified by Edward W. BUXEY, as **Janet SAUNDERS**, aged 36. Witness stated that he had been keeping company with her. When he last saw her, she was in her usual health and spirits and made an appointment to meet him on Wednesday. She had no trouble, and never expressed an intention to make away with herself.

Mr. JONES, a fellow servant of deceased, deposed that she had been under the doctor's hands for a few days and was rather depressed in consequence, but seemed to recover her spirits. On Sunday, 30th September, she was missing, and the police were communicated with. Evidence was given as to finding of the body, which was with great difficulty got off the mud by the West Wittering Coastguard.

Dr. ANDREE deposed that he had made a post- mortem examination of the body and found that the deceased had been suffering from pleurisy, etc. He had no doubt that deceased died from drowning.

The jury brought in a verdict of "Found Drowned," there being no evidence to show how deceased got into the water.

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