

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PRESS Saturday 23rd January 1937

SUDDEN DEATH. – The Deputy Coroner (F.A. JOYCE, Esq.) held an inquest at the High-street Methodist School on Tuesday on the body of **James Frederick LAMBERT**, aged 54 a bricklayer, of 12 Player-street, who died suddenly on Saturday.

Emily Jane LAMBERT, the widow, said that on Saturday morning her husband ate a hearty breakfast and seemed in his normal health. He left for his work at Messrs. WHEELER's at 7.45, and at 12.20 she was called to a house in Park-road, where she found that he had passed away. Her husband had been attended for heart trouble, and from October, 1935, until February of last year was away from work.

Alice TURNER, of 55 Park-road, said that at 12.15 p.m. on Saturday a man knocked at her door and asked for a glass of water, saying a man had fallen down outside her gate. She took the water and saw deceased lying on his back on the pavement, bleeding from an abrasion to the cheek and cut hands. Finding he was getting cold, she had him brought into her house, where she put him in blankets and applied a hot water bottle to his feet. She applied artificial respiration for several minutes, but he passed away.

The Coroner: Thank you for what you did. You played the Good Samaritan's part.

Dr. Spencer CHURCHILL said that when he arrived he found deceased dead. He had attended deceased for dropsy and a failing heart, and thought he would never go to work again, but he made a wonderful recovery. Death was due to syncope from valvular disease of the heart.

In recording a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence, the Coroner said he was quite satisfied that every attention was paid to deceased by Mr. B. J. SNOW (chief clerk at the works where deceased was employed), who was unable to attend owing to influenza, and by Mrs. TURNER, who was kind enough to take him into her home. He deeply sympathised with the widow.
