



# CORONERS INQUESTS



## Mary Noyce 16th November 1906

Coroner: Mr. S. Buchanan Smith. Foreman of the jury: Mr. Charles Warren.

Place of inquest: Milford Vicarage.

George Noyce of The Cottages, Milford Village and husband of the deceased said his wife who was 40, complained of a little cold the week prior to her death. She went to bed on Monday night in her usual health, but at 4.00 a.m. on Tuesday she woke complaining of a toothache. He took her a cup of tea and some bread up at about 5.30 and then went downstairs to look after his children. Later he heard a noise and ran upstairs and found his wife was "going". He spoke to her but she did not answer. He raised her head and she died in his arms. He went next door for Mrs. Percy and then sent for Mrs. Yeates and Dr. Gordon.

Elizabeth Yeates witness and sister of the deceased of Pennyfarthing Street said she saw her sister on Monday afternoon. The deceased said she had told her she had a cold and a pain in her right leg which seemed to go right up to her heart. When she was asked if she needed a doctor the deceased said she felt better. Witness sent for a bottle of port wine and left about 4.30 p.m.

Ellen Percy next door neighbour said she was called by George Noyce at 6.30 that morning. He asked her to come in and check on his wife, as he thought she was dead, which Mrs. Percy confirmed.

Dr. James Gordon said he went over at 10.30 that morning and saw the deceased woman lying in bed and her expression was placid and natural. There were no marks or injury or ill-treatment of the body. He therefore concluded she had died of natural causes. Possibly heart disease or a clot of blood on the brain.

A verdict of death from natural causes was returned.

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