

West Riding Constabulary.



REPORT touching the Death of Eric Woodford Finsen
now lying dead at The Laurels Hampsorthwaite
in the Township of Hampsorthwaite

- 1.—What was the age of the deceased (last birthday), rank, profession, or business? } 35 years
Gentleman
- 2.—On what day, at what hour, and where, and in whose presence, did the death take place? } Tuesday the 15th of April 1913
Between 10 & 11 Am this date in bedroom
at The Laurels Hampsorthwaite
- 3.—Was the deceased found dead, helpless, or insensible? } Dead
At 10.30am I was sent for by Mr Annakin of
The Laurels, I proceeded there & went upstairs to
deceased bedroom. I knocked but got no
answear, I went in & found deceased with his
head in the bath which contained about
one gallon of water. I removed him & laid him on
his back. I laid artificial respiration for half an hour
during the meantime I sent for Dr Ashby, who saids
deceased was dead. He was last seen alive by Miss Ward
about 4pm on the 14th April 1913
Had a fit in Bath.
- 4.—Supposed cause of death }
- 5.—Did illness exist before death? If so, state how long, also whether any medical man was in attendance, and if so, who? } Yes I was under Dr Ashby care suffering
from fits
- 6.—Does any blame or suspicion attach to any party? } No
- 7.—Was deceased Insured and if so in what Office and to what amount? } Not known
- 8.—Name of suitable place for holding Inquest, also distance from where the body lies? } Village Room Hampsorthwaite
About quarter of a mile
- 9.—When and where proposed to be buried? } Not known
- 10.—Date and hour when reported to the Police } At 10.30am on Tuesday 15th April 1913

Dated this 15th day of April 1903

Joseph B. Smith

To Dr Husband Esq., P. b 1161 West Riding Constabulary.

Coroner.

Ripon

No. _____

Dated 19

Inquisition

taken on View of the Body of

Verdict:

Accident
Drowned in bath after
a fall

Coroner 2.

Shaw & Sons, Fetter Lane E.C. D123 & J130 (S43H)

An Inquisition

County of
York.
West Riding
to wit.

taking for our Sovereign Lord the King, at The
Village Room
of Hampshire
of York
day of April A.D. 1913 [and by adjournment on the
day of _____, and the day of _____],
before J.C.R. Hasland ESQUIRE, one of
the Coroners of our said Lord the King, for the said County of
York
County
upon the Oath of good and lawful Men of the said
duly sworn to inquire for our said Lord the King,
on view of the Body of Sir Eric Woodford Fildes
as to his Death, and those of the said Jurors whose names are hereunto subscribed,
upon their Oaths duly administered, do say:—

That the said Sir Eric Woodford Fildes was drowned by falling
into the bath when suffering from an epileptic fit on Tuesday
April the 15th in his four feet eleven inches —

and so the Jurors aforesaid, upon their Oaths, do further say that Sir
Eric
Woodford Fildes
and the Jurors aforesaid do further say that the said
was a male person of the age of ninety five years, and a
person of private means & lived at The Larches, Hampshire.

In Witness whereof as well the said Coroner as the Jurors have hereunder
subscribed their Hands and Seals the Day and Year and Place first above written.

J.C.R. Hasland



Coroner.

Foreman Arthur Metcalfe



Herbert Gill



Kelvin Woodcock



Geo Brigg



Peter Bowden



William Harsby



Frank Carr



George Bell



James Walker



Archie Barker



Harry Barker



Frederick Smith



Walter Thompson



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No

Dated 19

*Depositions
taken on view of the body of*

Coroner 18.

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County of York
West Riding
to wit } Information of Witnesses severally
taken and acknowledged on behalf of our Sovereign
Lord the King touching the death of Eric
Woodford Tudor at the House
known by the sign of the Village Room
in the Township
of Hampskeville the sixteenth
day of April 1913 before John
Charles Rodcliffe Hustace Esquire, one of
His Majestys Coroners for the said County
of York on view of the Body of
the said person then and there lying dead.

I then Ashby a registered medical practitioner
residing at Billington Park, Hampskeville.
I declare to you in my honest best
seen as being near of Eric Woodford
Tudor, he was 36 years of age, he has
no occupation, he had private means.
he lived at the Laurels, Hampskeville.
I have known him since Aug: 1911. He
has been under my care since his
first illness. His first generally took
place in a morning when he was
walking. I have seen him to day; I last
saw him ^{the Carr} at the Laurels last Wednesday when
he was one in my house. I was called
at the Laurels yesterday morning a
little before eleven. When I arrived I
found P.C. Ashby ^{the Carr} had his deceased
son on the floor ^{the Carr} artificial
respiration, he was dead & from

Dear - I found he was quite comfortable
With his being suffocated by taking up
a talk of value than to an upholsterer for:

Mrs. Ashby.

Eleanor Anucker the wife of George
Anucker living at the Daniels -
Hampshire - a well-known produce
firm & concern the Thompson's rail-
road:- I knew the deceased Eric
Hampshire Finner. he has lodged
with me for the last 6 weeks. during
he has been fit generally in the
morning when dressing. I last
saw him alive about 7.30 on Monday
evening last - when he was having his
supper he was very bright in his house
keeping & said he was going out &
would take the key. He went & was
about 6 o'clock I heard him do
itself off but do not ~~at~~ know.
that time it was. The next morning
I took his bath water ab 20 minute-
mine I knocked at his door and
he answered, at 9.30 I heard him
knock at his door, I heard nothing
any more and at 10.30 I came
& knocked at his door but got no

answer. I knocked several times but got no answer. I thought something had happened so sent for the Police Constable.

Eleanor Ann Arbor

P.C. J.B. Smith - a well-known producer from Ypsilanti who upon his sole task: I am a P.C. here at Red. Constab. stations at Hamtramck & Taubin. At 10.30 A.M. on Tuesday ~~at~~ ^{at} 15th of December found John my station when I was sent for by Mr. Ann Arbor. I went to the house & going up stairs & knocked on 14th front door but received no answer. I opened the door & went in & found the deceased laid face down wards in his bed which contained some articles of toilet. I removed him & found that toilet I could see of his mouth & commenced artificial respiration. The toilet did not cover his head but the face was covered.

Joseph B. Smith P.C. 1161