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NAN WADE

Under an inconspicuous dark-grey stone rests none other than “Nan Wade,” seller of herbs and charms. She will not be identified by that name; she married, and was buried—in December, 1866—as Ann Boyde. To this day fishermen will pluck leaves from Nan’s grave; and only a few months ago the writer of this article heard from a Douglas woman how she feared she had come under a neighbour’s evil eye, and was minded to go to a field at St John’s and pick what she called “a bit of Nan Wade.”

“More Graves at Peel.” *Isle of Man Weekly Times* 3 October 1936: 3b–d.

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