

Holford Abbott

1871 census, Grapes Inn, 41 Upper St James' Street, Newport, Isle of Wight

<i>Robert Abbott</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>Inn Keeper & Coachman</i>	<i>Canterbury, Kent</i>
Kate Abbott	Wife	41		Halsted, Essex
Catherine J Abbott	Daughter	15		Chatham Kent
Selina Abbott	Daughter	13		Bilston, Staffordshire
Alfred Abbott	Son	7	Scholar	Newport, Hampshire
Markell Siminetto	Lodger	29	Musician	Naples
Lanoi Siminetto	Lodger	25	Singer	Germany
Ellen Parnell	Aunt	23		London

1881 census, Phoenix Inn 3 West Street, Southampton

<i>Robert Abbott</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>Licensed Victualler</i>	<i>Canterbury</i>
Annie Abbott	Wife	58		Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight
George White	Visitor	31	Rag Gatherer	not known
Elizabeth White	Visitor	30		not known

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NEWPORT

DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN RESIDENT.-A familiar figure has been removed from our midst by the death of Mr. Holford Abbott, better known as "Bob" Abbott, which took place at his residence in Orchard-street on Saturday last. Mr. Abbott's first appearance in the Island was in the capacity of clown in a circus, and after taking up his residence in Newport some 30 years ago, he ran a coach for several years to Cowes, &c., with varying success. For a considerable time he did a public service by running a 'bus to Cowes in time for the first boat, and we believe the Railway Company paid him the compliment of putting on a train to drive him off the road. Abbott is the family name of the Barons of Tenterden, and Mr. Abbott was acknowledged to be a connection of that family. He claimed that the title really belonged to him, and we are informed that qualified gentlemen who had examined his proofs have expressed the opinion that his claim was a just one, but, as is often the case, there was one missing link. For several years Mr. Abbott has been engaged in conveying arriving and departing convicts between Parkhurst and Cowes. He was held in great respect by a large number of people. The funeral took place at Carisbrooke Cemetery on Thursday, the Rev. Dr. Burton officiating, at the special request of the deceased.

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