

## John Alexander Etteridge

1911 census - 2 Elm Grove, Newport, Isle of Wight

**John Alexander Etteridge Head 78 Pensioned Colour Sergeant**

**3rd Battn Rifle Brigade Kilkenny**

Eliza Whitewood Mother-in-law 80 Housekeeper

Godshell, I.W.

Isle of Wight County Press - 11 April 1914

### NEWPORT

**DEATH OF INDIAN MUTINY VETERAN.**- The death occurred on Saturday at his home at Elm-grove of Mr. John Etteridge, a notable military veteran. A Norfolk man, the deceased joined the 3rd Batt. of the Rifle Brigade in 1855, and served through the Indian Mutiny, and altogether saw 14 1/2 years service abroad. He was the proud possessor of the medals for the Mutiny (with Lucknow bar), for service on the North-west frontier, and good conduct. He was mentioned in despatches for conspicuous gallantry in the capture of Fort Birwah on October 21st, 1858. He retired on pension as a colour-sergeant in 1877. Though not inclined to talk about his military service some of the deceased intimate friends have heard from him modest accounts of his deeds of daring, one of which was his entry, disguised as a Sepoy, into a fort occupied by the enemy, and thrilling experiences associated with that enterprise. After retiring to civil life he resided at Chillerton, before taking up his residence at Newport, and for 29 years he faithfully discharged the duties of school attendance officer for Newport. The funeral took place at the Carisbrooke Cemetery on Wednesday, the Rev. W. J. Sugden officiating. A squad of eight Royal Fusiliers under the command of Company Sergt.-Major Pocock acted as bearers, and the coffin was covered with the Union Jack. The personal mourners were Mr. Arthur Etteridge (son), and Mr. Arthur Meech, and among others present were Mr. S. J. Knott, T.C., and Mr. J. Edgar. The body was enclosed in a polished elm coffin with a brass plate bearing the inscription "John Etteridge, died April 4th. 1914, aged 79 years." The floral tributes bore the following inscriptions, "From his two sorrowing sons, Arthur and Ernest," "With deepest sympathy from L.H.," and "With esteem and regret from A. and L. Hills." Mr. O. C. Hamilton carried out the funeral arrangements.

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