

Frances Feneran

(Note: these cuttings were of especially poor quality, an attempt has been made to transcribe them accurately but some parts were difficult or impossible to read.)

Isle of Wight County Press – 4 August 1917

NEWPORT

DEATH OF MISS FENERAN. – We deeply regret to record the death of Miss Feneran, by whose removal Newport loses one of the most interested and benevolent citizens. She had a seizure on Tuesday evening, and without regaining consciousness passed peacefully away on Wednesday afternoon, her faithful domestic companion for many years, Miss Rose Bull, being in devoted attendance upon her to the last. She was in her accustomed place at St. Thomas's Church on Sunday, she appeared in her usual health in the early part of the week, and the news of her death came as a shock to her friends, of whom she had a wide and ??? circle. The lamented deceased was a daughter of the late Lieut.-Col. F. Feneran, whose distinction it was to have served at Waterloo. She was a zealous worker in connection with many philanthropic movements. As hon. secretary for a prolonged period of the Newport District Nursing Society she rendered invaluable service, and her memory will be gratefully cherished by all who were associated with her in the work of that excellent institution, as well as by those to whom its benefits have been extended. St. Thomas's Church Sunday-school is another sphere in which she will be greatly missed. For many years she was the beloved and devoted teacher of a young women's Bible-class, and in that position, as in many others, her death caused a blank which it will be indeed difficult to fill. She took a deep interest in the Girl's Friendly Society and was one of the first officers appointed on the foundation of the Newport branch during the vicariate of the late Dean Connor nearly forty years ago. Throughout her long and gentle life she was fruitful in kindly deeds, and now that she is gone to her rest her epitaph might well read; "She went about doing good."

The funeral takes place to-day (Saturday), the first part of the service being held at St. Thomas's Church at 1.30, the interment following at Carisbrooke Cemetery, where the late Col. and Mrs. Feneran are buried.

At an emergency meeting of the Nursing Society on Thursday, the Mayoress (Mrs. Witcher), proposed and Mrs. Underhill seconded the following resolution, which was carried: That we, the committee of the Newport District Society, express our deep sorrow and heartfelt regret at the removal, by death, of our dear friend and colleague, Miss Feneran, and further we wish to record our most sincere appreciation of the many years of very faithful and devoted service she has rendered to the Society as secretary during the whole 28 years of its existence.

Isle of Wight County Press – 11 August 1917

NEWPORT

THE LATE MISS FENERAN. – The funeral took place on Saturday of Miss Feneran, of St. James'-street, whose lamented death was recorded last week. The first part of the service was held at the Parish-church, where assembled a large congregation of those who most thoroughly appreciated the deceased's devoted services on behalf of the sick poor as hon. sec. for 28 years of the Newport District Nursing Society. The personal mourners were Lady Atterbury, Mrs. Alexander Sharp, Mrs. R. F. Eldridge, Mrs. K. W. Liesching, Miss Rose Bull, Mrs. R. J. Eldridge (representing Mr. R. J. Eldridge, executor), Mr. William Holloway, London (representing Col. E. C. Feneran, executor), Mr. James Eldridge, Nurse Robertson, and Nurses Marcove and Tanner. The officiating clergy were the Revs.

C. H. Thompson (vicar of St. Thomas's). W. H. Mackinnon (vicar of St. John's), and Miles Atkinson (vicar of St. Paul's, Barton. Those also present included the Mayor and Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Whitcher), Revs. E. W. T. Greenshield, A. C. Hutchinson, and J. ????. Mrs. F. Templeman Mew, Dr. and Mrs. Underhill, Ald. Charles Webb, Mr. J. W. Stanley, J.P., Mrs. and Miss Mackinnon. Mr. H. Shepard, J.P., Mr. A. G. Harrison, Mr. Talbot O. V. Shortland, Mr. T. Lee, Mr. F. Midlane, Mr. E. G. Wray, Mr. and Mrs. C. Steel, Mrs. and Miss Dore, Mrs. Tilley, Mrs. Knight, Mr. A. Brackey, and others....

The interment was at Carisbrooke Cemetery. Those who were unavoidably prevented from attending included Col. Ernest Charles Feneran (nephew), who is serving with the Nigeria Regt. in East Africa, Capt. William S. F. Feneran (Liverpool), Mrs. ? Bunbery, Miss Newman, Mr. Robey F. Eldridge, J.P., Rev. H. Edmund Sharpe, ??? (who sent a carriage), Mr. G. A. Brannon, Dr. and Mrs. Stanley ? and Mr. W. H. Dann.

For 50 (?) years without a break Miss Feneran was a teacher at St. Thomas's Sunday-school, continuing till the last Sunday before her death. She was also an active member of the committee of the Newport Benevolent Society, and was vice-president of the local branch of the St. John Ambulance Association and of the local branch of Dr. Barnardo's Homes Workers. For many years she had been actively associated with the I.W. Needlework Guild, of which she was a vice-president.

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