

**Alfred Hughes**

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**FORMER COUNTY ACCOUNTANT**

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**DEATH AT NEWPORT OF MR. A. H. HUGHES**

All who were brought into contact with Mr. Alfred Henry Hughes, of Carholme, 8 Whitepit Lane, Newport, during the time he was county accountant, will learn with deep regret of his death on Wednesday, at the age of 69. Mr. Hughes leaves a widow, son, and daughter, with whom sympathy is felt.

Mr. Hughes was born at Wolverhampton. He served an apprenticeship with a firm of solicitors and first became connected with local government service in Stafford, and rose to be senior accountancy clerk to the Staffordshire County Council. In the 1914-18 war he joined the 6<sup>th</sup> North Staffordshire Regiment and was promoted to Company Q.M. Sergt. Later he was commissioned and saw active service in France with the 59<sup>th</sup> Division. On the cessation of hostilities he returned to Stafford, but shortly afterwards was appointed county accountant in the Island, and in that office served from 1919 to 1942 with devotion and ability, everyone appreciating his unfailing courtesy. His retirement in 1942 was occasioned by ill-health.

Mr. Hughes took a great interest in the Pyle Street Methodist Church, Newport, of which he was a trustee, but owing to increasing deafness he did not take a prominent part in public life.

The funeral service takes place on Monday at the Pyle Street Methodist Church, Newport, at 2 p.m.

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**FUNERAL OF FORMER ACCOUNTANT**

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**THE LATE MR. A. H. HUGHES, OF NEWPORT**

There was a large congregation at the Pyle Street Methodist Church, Newport, on Monday, for the funeral service of Mr. Alfred Henry Hughes, of 8 Whitepit Lane, a former county accountant, whose death was recorded last week. The minister (the Rev. Cyril Cardy) conducted the service, and Mr. H. F. Payn (organist) played Handel's "Largo" and "I know that my Redeemer liveth," and accompanied the hymns "All as God wills," "Lead, kindly Light," and "Peace, perfect peace." In a tribute to Mr. Hughes, the minister said he had

been a wonderful father, a splendid husband, and was highly regarded among his fellow workers.

The family mourners were Mrs. Hughes (widow), Miss I. Hughes (daughter), Mrs. E. Southall and the Misses E. and G. Hughes (sisters), Mr. W. Reed (brother-in-law), Mr. K. Reed, Miss M. Southall, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Aitchison (nephews and nieces). The congregation included many friends and neighbours, former colleagues, and members of the Pyle Street Methodist Church. The county treasurer (Mr. F. C. Short) represented the chairman of the County Council (Ald. G. Moody), and there were representatives of the various departmental staffs of the County Council, the Society of County Treasurers, Newport Town Council, Sandown-Shanklin U.D.C., Cowes U.D.C., British and Foreign Bible Society, the Sisterhood, and the West Wight Methodist Circuit. The floral tributes included those from the chairman and members of the County Council, his former colleagues, the Society of County Treasurers, and the Methodist Church. The interment took place at Carisbrooke Cemetery. Mr. W. W. Wells, of Newport, made the arrangements.

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