

Frederick Pinnock

1901 Census, Westdene, Carisbrooke Road, Newport

John Pinnock	Head	49	Retired Draper	Newport, Isle of Wight
<i>Frederick Pinnock</i>	<i>Brother</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>-“-</i>	<i>Newport, Isle of Wight</i>
Annie H Stallard	Servant	26	Housemaid	Chale, Isle of Wight
Minnie E Perren	Servant	30	Cook	Shanklin, Isle of Wight

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DEATH OF MR. FRED PINNOCK OF NEWPORT

HON. SECRETARY OF THE ISLAND LIFEBOAT BOARD

Very regretfully we record the death of Mr. Frederick Pinnock, of Newport, youngest son of the late Mr. Robert Pinnock, J.P., who passed away at Sealands, a residence of the family at Blackgang, on Thursday evening last, after an illness which, whilst serious was of comparatively short-duration, though he had not been really well since he had a severe attack of influenza and pneumonia about two years ago. The deceased - who, counting years, was in the prime of manhood - was a well-known and popular member of a highly-esteemed family whose name finds honourable record in local annals. His father was for a long period a leading member of the Corporation of Newport, and on several occasions filled with distinction the position of Mayor of the borough. His brother, Mr. Charles E. Pinnock, who predeceased him, was also connected with the Corporation, and for one term discharged the duties of the Mayoralty very ably, in spite of physical weakness, courageously borne; his eldest brother, Mr. Robert Pinnock, was also in former years a member of the Town Council, and is now on the Commission of the Peace for the borough; another brother, Mr. J. G. Pinnock has for some years done splendid service as hon. treasurer of the Isle of Wight Lifeboat Board; and his two sisters, whose lamented deaths are of recent occurrence, were zealous in good works in connection with various local benevolent institutions.

In his younger years the late Mr. Fred Pinnock was attracted to the profession of journalism, and the present writer has pleasant memories of his association with him in that capacity. Other calls arising, the deceased did not continue his connection with the Press, but the power of observation and the facility of recording his impressions which he then acquired stood him in good stead when, in after time, in company with his brother George, he visited the States and various places on the Continent, one of these tours being made the subject of a very interesting lecture which he delivered at Newport not long since. Quite recently he was telling the writer of the pleasure with which he was anticipating another visit to Norway, of which country he was particularly fond. Like other members of his family, he took an active interest in lifeboat work, and by his death our gallant lifeboatmen lose a staunch friend and the Island Lifeguard, of which he was hon. secretary, is deprived of the valued services of a devoted colleague.

To other philanthropic agencies he also lent energetic aid, and there are many in humble life who will miss his ever-generous hand. Amongst other offices he held were the hon. Secretaryship of the Southern District Unitarian Association and of the Newport Unitarian Christian Church. He was for some time hon. secretary of the Isle of Wight Ambulance Association, in which he was a fully qualified practical worker, and he was a member of the University Extension Committee. The fact that he was hon. treasurer of the Newport Liberal

Club will indicate that he was a Liberal in politics, but though he held his opinions very earnestly, he was unfailingly courteous to opponents - a "liberal" in the best and truest sense of the word. He was a prominent Freemason. He had held high Provincial office (P.G.J.W.) and he had been Worshipful Master of the Albany (Newport) Lodge, of which he was secretary up to the time of his death, as well as the representative of the Lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee. He had been through the chair of the Arch and Mark Lodges at Newport, and he was the present Master of the Mark Lodge at Sandown. Various friendly societies counted him as an esteemed honorary member. Keenly interested in athletics, he was one of the founders of the Isle of Wight Amateur Athletic Club, which he helped most liberally, he was a vice-president of the Isle of Wight Cycling Club, he was an honorary member of the Newport Cricket Club, and no appeal was made to him in vain which concerned the interests of any kind of healthful and manly sport.

Warm-hearted and genial, with a smile and a kindly word for everybody, he was held in affectionate regard in private life, and the sincere regret with which we chronicle his removal for ever from our midst will be shared by all who had the pleasure of his friendship.

The body will be brought from Blackgang on Tuesday next direct to Carisbrooke Cemetery, where the funeral will take place at 11.45 on that day.

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FUNERAL OF MR. FRED PINNOCK

Amid every manifestation of sympathy and sincere regard, the funeral of the late Mr. F. Pinnock whose death we regretfully recorded last week, took place at Carisbrooke Cemetery on Tuesday morning. The polished oak coffin containing the remains was conveyed to the Cemetery on an open hearse from Sealands, Blackgang, the family residence, where the deceased spent his last hours. A number of lovely floral tributes covered the coffin and following the hearse was a carriage containing the family mourners - Messrs. Robert Pinnock, J.P., and George Pinnock (brothers) and Mr. C. Bernard Pinnock (nephew). At the Cemetery gates the cortège was joined by a large number of other gentlemen representing the Freemasons, the Lifeboat Institution, the Unitarian community, I.W. Liberal Union, and various societies with which the deceased was so closely associated during his life, whilst many other sympathising friends attended the obsequies, at which the Unitarian Burial Service was used. The Cemetery chapel was not large enough to accommodate all those present.

The service in the chapel was of a very touching character. The choir of the Unitarian Christian Church at Newport attended, assisted by friends from choirs of other churches, and the Pastor (the Rev. H.M. Livens) pronounced the opening sentences of the Burial office, after which the hymn "I do not ask, O Lord" was sung. Then the beautiful words of the lesson were read by the Rev. W.J. Jupp (a former pastor at the Newport Unitarian Church), who subsequently gave a most impressive address, in the course of which he paid a tribute to the splendid Christian life and character of their departed "friend and brother." He said they would ever keep in their hearts memories of all that was kind, and gentle, and generous, as exemplified in the life of the lamented deceased. Although lacking robust physical health, he was able to achieve a great deal by his modest, unassuming nature. Few, perhaps, were aware of how much he did achieve in his quiet, modest way, and could all those to whom he had been kind and helpful have been present on that occasion the company would have been

a still greater one. He had been surprised to learn of the many useful societies with which the late Mr. Pinnock was associated. It was a great thing to render service to persons and good causes and thereby render the lives of others brighter and better and yet to live a quiet, modest, unassuming life. In connection with the Newport Lodge of Freemasons, and, especially, he believed, in connection with the Provincial Charity Committee, the deceased had rendered service which had caused him to be greatly esteemed.

He was also secretary of the Isle of Wight branch of the National Lifeboat Institution - an Institution which only last year was the means of saving more than a thousand lives off our English coast - and in that office he had rendered much-valued service. He was secretary of the Church to which he belonged, and a secretary also to the fellowship of kindred churches in the South of England he had likewise done much good work. Having referred to the generous, sympathetic, and charitable nature of the deceased, the rev. gentleman said they all wished to tender their sincere and affectionate sympathy to the members of the family upon whom bereavement had fallen very heavily during the past year. They prayed that their feelings of real sorrow might help them to realise the Divine sympathy, and that the love and the goodwill that they had in their hearts towards the afflicted family might help them to feel the infinite mercy and pity in the eternal heart of God. Prayer having been offered by Mr. Jupp, the service in the chapel concluded with the singing of another hymn, "When the day of toil is done."

As the coffin was borne from the chapel to the grave the inspiring strains of "I know that my Redeemer liveth" were heard from the organ, at which Miss Mildred Knott efficiently presided. At the graveside the Rev. C.C. Coe, F.R.G.S., President of the Southern Unitarian Association, officiated, and his sympathetic reading of Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar" added to the impressiveness of the service. The concluding prayers and Benediction were said by the Rev. H.M. Livens. The Masonic brethren then filed past the grave and cast their sprays of acacia on the coffin, whilst the children from the Newport Unitarian Sunday-school scattered on the coffin fragrant flowers with they had brought with them. The breast-plate of the coffin bore the following inscription: "Frederick Pinnock, died July 16th, 1908, aged 54 years."

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