

Walter Alabone

1911 England, Wales & Scotland Census

130 St. James's-street, Newport, Isle of Wight, Hampshire, England

Name	Relationship	Status	Age	Occupation	Birthplace
<i>Walter Alabone</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>Dentist</i>	<i>Newport, IOW</i>
Ellen Alabone	Wife	Married	53		Newport, IOW
Arthur A. Alabone	Son	Single	27	Asst. Dentist	Newport, IOW

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DEATH OF NEWPORT'S SCHOOL DENTIST

Last (Friday) evening the Deputy Coroner (F. A. Joyce, Esq.) held an inquest at the Soldier's Home, Newport, on the body of Mr. Walter Alabone, aged 60, of 130 St. James's-street, the well-known dentist, who died suddenly on Thursday morning. The deceased was a member of an old and esteemed family, and had for five years been the capable dentist at the Newport School Clinic. Since the war he had performed much work among the troops at Parkhurst.

At the meeting of the Newport Education Committee yesterday the Chairman (Mr. W. Godwin) moved a resolution of sympathy and condolence with the bereaved family, stating that Mr. Alabone's death was an irreparable loss to their clinic, of which he was a very careful and valuable officer. Owing to his military work some time ago Mr. Alabone tendered his resignation, but a deputation waited upon him and induced him to continue as school dentist. They were authorized to offer him a large increase of salary, but he stated that he loved the work and he should decline to accept an increase of salary during the war. Last year he inspected 800 children and treated 230 cases. His work was much appreciated by the parents, and he was always kind and gentle to the children, who did not dread sitting in the dental chair. He was so thoroughly interested in his work that he told the teachers that children suffering badly with their teeth could be sent to him at any time, so that they could have immediate relief. They deeply deplored his death and greatly sympathized with his wife and son. The resolution was carried by a standing vote.

Inquest

The widow stated that after doing some gardening on the evening of the 18th deceased had supper and went to bed at about 10.15. About 1 o'clock next morning he complained of being in terrible pain in the chest and asked for hot water, which she got for him, with other remedies. Afterwards he seemed better and decided to lie down on the sofa in the morning-room. He would not let her stay with him, saying he would be all right. About 20 minutes afterwards she heard a noise as if a piece of wood had fallen from the fire. At 6 a.m. she went to the room and saw deceased lying at full length with his head towards the fireplace, as if he had rolled off the sofa. He was quite dead. Deceased had complained for a little time of pain in the chest, and she wanted him to see Dr. McKay, which he said he would do when the Doctor got over his illness.

Dr. McKay said a post-mortem showed that death was due to natural causes—syncope, arising from an attack of angina pectoris. The heart was fatty, the walls very thin, and the aorta extremely atheromatous.

The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence and expressed condolences with the family.

Dr. McKay said he should like to join in that expression of sympathy, as he had known deceased for 10 years and had been closely associated with him and at all times found him a most valuable colleague. He was charged by the Chairman of the Education Committee to convey to the members of the bereaved family their appreciation of the valuable work of the late Mr. Alabone in connection with the School Clinic and to say how much the Committee and staff would miss him.

The Coroner joined in the expression of sympathy, for which Mr. A. Alabone (deceased's brother) returned thanks.

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The Late Mr. Walter Alabone.—The funeral took place on Tuesday of Mr. Walter Alabone, the Newport school dentist, whose sudden death we announced last week. The first part of the service was at St. Thomas's Church, the Vicar (the Rev. C. H. Thompson) officiating, with the Rev. Frank Etheridge (rector of Okeford-Fitzpaine, Dorset, and brother of Mrs. Alabone), and the interment was at Carisbrooke Cemetery. The family mourners were the widow, Messrs. Arthur and Basil Alabone (sons), Messrs. Frank and Alfred Alabone (brothers), Mrs. Alfred Alabone, Mr. W. H. Upward (brother-in-law), Mr. E. B. Dabell (nephew), Miss A. M. Etheridge (sister-in-law), and Mr. E. H. Langdon (an old friend). There were also present Messrs. W. Godwin (chairman), Ald. R. Bird Cheverton, J.P., George B. Purkis, J.P., and J. H. Deacon, T.C. (Newport Education Committee), Mr. F. D. Shields (clerk of the committee), Dr. J. B. McKay (school medical officer), T. Ross Pratt (town clerk), Mr. F. W. Milligan (attendance officer), and a representative attendance of the teaching staff and scholars of the Borough Elementary Schools, the former including the Misses Buckler (head-mistress Nodehill girls), Henshaw (head-mistress Barton girls), Anderson (head-mistress Nodehill infants), and Forward (head-mistress Barton infants), Mr. W. Beasley (head-master Barton boys), Mr. W. H. Chandler (head-master of the Newport National boys), and Mr. W. Burnard (Nodehill Council boys). Others present included Mr. E. B. Barnes, Mr. J. R. Alderslade, and Mr. and Mrs. Stephens. Those sending the many choice floral tributes included the widow and two elder sons; Mr. and Mrs. Basil Alabone; Miss Peggy Alabone; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Alabone; Mr. Frank Alabone; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Upward and family; Mrs. E. Dabell and family; Mr. and Miss Langdon; Misses Etheridge; the Rev. Frank Etheridge; Mr. and Miss Etheridge; Newport Education Committee and Medical officer; Miss Redstone; Miss Tull; Miss Saunders and Miss Small (103 High-street); Rose and Mary (Lower St. James-street); Messrs. H. and F. Damp carried out the funeral arrangements.

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