

Edward Frederick Blake

1901 census, The Towers, Steephill Road, Shanklin

<i>Edward F Blake</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>Solicitor</i>	<i>Isle of Wight, Newport</i>
Agnes A Blake	Wife	54		London
Ethel E M Blake	Daughter	26		Isle of Wight, Carisbrooke
William Jas Perkis	Servant	28	Butler	Isle of Wight, Ryde
Sarah Jane Cokes	Servant	29	Housemaid	Isle of Wight, Freshwater
Emily J Pocock	Servant	27	Cook	Isle of Wight, Brading
Emily C Doe	Servant	28	Lady's Maid	Brockley, Kent

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DEATH OF MR. E. F. BLAKE.

We record with regret the death of Mr. Edward Frederick Blake, who passed away at Shanklin yesterday (Friday), at the age of 70. The deceased was the son of the late Mr. Frederick Blake, of Newport, who for a long span of years was held in the highest esteem as one of the leading solicitors of the Island and as filling a number of public offices, the most important of which were the Island Coronership, the Registrarship of the Isle of Wight County Court, and the Clerkship of the Newport Borough Bench. In all these positions Mr. Edward Blake acted as deputy, and in the later years of the father's life, when he was feeling the burden of advanced age, his son – and a very devoted son he was – was unsparing of effort in relieving him of the heavier duties attaching to the public offices which, in the days of his strength, he had filled so ably. In this way Mr. Edward Blake gained an intimate acquaintance with the work of the various appointments, and on his venerable father's death the son was chosen as his successor in the several offices, which he continued to hold until a few years since, when he retired into private life. During a period extending over more than 30 years the writer was frequently brought into contact with the late Mr. Edward Blake in connection with public matters, and he pleasantly remembers him as one who exhibited towards him unflinching courtesy and the kindest consideration – a testimony which, the writer is sure, will be readily confirmed by many others who, in similar ways, were brought into communication with the lamented deceased. In former years, before his health began to show symptoms of failing, the late Mr. Blake was a prominent figure in the social life of the Island, and the qualities he there displayed won for him the regard of a wide circle of personal friends. He was a devoted husband and father, and Mrs. Blake and her family may be assured that the deepest sympathy of all in with them in their bereavement.

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