

## Arthur Blow

### 1901 Census – 13 Castle Road, Newport

<i>Arthur Blow</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>Pensioner (Army)</i>	<i>Chale, Isle of Wight</i>
Frances Blow	Wife	48		Leicestershire
Frederick Truckle	Boarder	14		Newport, Isle of Wight
William Lovelace	Boarder	11		Newport, Isle of Wight
Charles Gilpin	Boarder	10		Newport, Isle of Wight

### Isle of Wight County Press - 21 September 1907

**Deaths - BLOW.** - Sept. 19, at Newport, Arthur Blow, ex-Colour-Sergeant Marine Artillery and afterwards Gun Instructor in the Isle of Wight Artillery Militia, aged 83.

### Isle of Wight County Press – 28 September 1907

#### NEWPORT.

**MILITARY FUNERAL.** – The funeral of ex-Colour-Sergt. Blow, of Castle-road, whose death was reported in our last issue, took place on Monday with full military honours, a company of the 1<sup>st</sup> Royal Fusiliers from Parkhurst, under Sergt.-Major Clarke, consisting of guard of honour and firing party, and also the band and drums attending. The guard of honour formed up each side of the road at the “present” as the coffin, covered with the Union Jack, was borne from the house to the hearse by six colour-sergeants of the Fusiliers, who acted as bearers with a relief of six sergeants. The guard and firing party then formed in double file behind the cortege, and the procession, headed by the band, made its way to the Cemetery to the solemn tones of Chapin’s “Marche Funebre.” A short service was held in the Cemetery Chapel, conducted by the Rev. A. H. C. Edlin (chaplain to the Forces at Parkhurst), who also officiated at the graveside. After the Chaplain had impressively read the committal service three volleys were fired over the grave. There were a few floral tributes (although the deceased did not wish it) from the following : Miss Ethel Read, Mrs. James Lock (Priory), Mrs. Barrett and Jack, and one from the Sergeants’ Mess, Royal Fusiliers, which was inscribed as follows : “With all true sympathy from the Sergeants’ Mess, 1<sup>st</sup> Royal Fusiliers. ‘Thy will be done.’” The rather rare occurrence of a military funeral aroused great interest and the route to the Cemetery was crowded. The soldiers presented a very smart appearance in their full dress. The inscription on the coffin was: “Arthur Blow, born Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. 1823, died Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>. 1907.” Messrs. H. and F. Damp were the undertakers. The late Mr. Arthur Blow was born in Chale and served 21 years in the Marine Artillery, of which he was senior colour-sergeant. He was 15 years gunnery-instructor of the I.W. Artillery Militia. He wore two medals, the Crimea medal and battle of the Baltic and long-service and good-conduct medal. Deceased for many years served on a battleship in pursuit of slave traders on the West Coast of Africa.