

Thomas Shipman Buckler

1911 Census – 26 Union Street, Newport

Thomas Shipman Buckler	Head	66	House Painter	Newport, Isle of Wight
Louisa Ann Buckler	Wife	67		Newport, Isle of Wight,
Minnie Buckler	Daughter	37	Head Teacher	Newport, Isle of Wight
Tom Buckler	Son	31	House Painter	Newport, Isle of Wight
Dan Buckler	Son	29	House Painter	Newport, Isle of Wight
Mabel Morris	Servant	19		Highgate, Middlesex

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DEATH OF ALD. T. S. BUCKLER, OF NEWPORT

We record with deep regret the death of Ald. Thomas Shipman Buckler, of Richmond House, Newport, which took place early on Saturday morning at the age of 66. The deceased gentleman had been in failing health for several years, with characteristic pluck he persevered in the performance of his multifarious public duties until a few weeks before his decease, when heart trouble compelled him to take to his bed. By his death the town, of which he was a native, loses one of its most useful public men and one held in warm regard for his many estimable qualities, as one who helped forward with enthusiastic devotion various organisations in the borough and Island which had for their object the promotion of the wellbeing of the community. The late Mr. Buckler was an ardent Conservative, whose experience and ability in organisation and electioneering were invaluable. He showed a refreshing independence in municipal and other local public affairs and his loss is deplored by every section of the community. For a considerable period Mr. Buckler was manager for the late Mr. John Allen, and for the last 30 years he had been in business on his own account. He became a member of the Town Council at the November election in 1895, and with one exception he was returned at the head of the poll at every election since in the South Ward, and he was formerly one of the few Conservatives who could claim a "safe" seat in that ward. He was regarded specially as a working man's representative and he was chairman of the town workmen's outing fund, and when his health permitted invariably accompanied the town employees and the Fire Brigade on their annual excursions and with kindly interest was active in promoting their enjoyment. His practical business qualities made his membership of the Town Council and other authorities of much value. On the death of Ald. John Lock some three years ago his much appreciated public service was deservedly recognised by his elevation to the Aldermanic bench. The late Alderman Buckler was also for some time very usefully associated with the educational work of the borough, as a member of the Borough Education Committee, and he was a former manager of the Church of England schools. He was a very valued and prominent member of both the island and local Conservative Associations and Newport Conservative and Unionist Club, being chairman of the general committee of the last-named at the time of his death, as well as chairman of the bowling club committee. He had also rendered very useful service on the Carisbrooke Joint Burial Committee, of which he was at one time the chairman. An enthusiastic and successful fancier, he was one of the founders of the Newport Fanciers'

Association, which has had so successful a career, and since the death of the late Dr. Groves, J.P., Ald. Buckler had been the valued chairman of that flourishing organisation, whose success owed not a little to his active and whole-hearted support. He was also a member of the committee of the Royal Isle of Wight Agricultural Society and his advice and assistance in the promotion of the annual shows of that Society were highly valued. The late Mr. Buckler was keenly interested in Friendly Society work, and he was a prominent member of the old Hand-in-Hand Society and a trustee of that Society for a number of years. He was also a manager of the I.W. Savings Bank and in various other ways his energies were usefully exerted for the benefit of those amongst whom he lived. For many years he was a Sunday-school teacher and a sidesman of St. John's Church, with which he was connected all his life. Both in municipal and friendly society work the late Ald. Buckler was closely associated with Ald. C. Salter, J.P., the "Father of the Corporation," and Clerk of the Hand-in-Hand Friendly Society. The deepest sympathy of the townspeople is with the widow and members of the family in their bereavement.

Since Saturday the flag has been flying at half mast at the Guildhall, and on the occasion of the funeral on Wednesday afternoon there were general signs of mourning in the borough. The first part of the service took place at St. John's Church, in the presence of a large and representative congregation of townspeople, and the interment was at Carisbrooke Cemetery. The mayor and members of the Corporation paid their last tribute to an honoured colleague by officially attending the obsequies, and the various bodies, societies, and organisations mentioned above were also represented. The personal mourners were: Messrs. T. and W. D. Buckler (sons), E. Cheverton (brother-in-law), H. Gould and J. S. Brudenell (sons-in-law), H. C. Grapes, J. and G. Woodford (cousins), J. C. Smith (Southampton), and H. Scott, with W. Ashwin and E. Peck (employees). Then came members of the Hand-in-Hand Friendly Society, with Ald. C. Salter, T.C., and Mr. F. Cooper (clerks). Dr. Coombs, J.P. (surgeon), and Messrs. C. T. Allee, J. Warne, J. H. Heal, J. T. Locke, T. Brown, J. Morgan, and F. Peach. Mr. F. Cooper is also hon. secretary of the Newport Fanciers' Association. The civic procession, the members of which assembled in the County Technical Institute, by kind permission, was headed by the police, with Insp. Cass and P.S. Foyle and by Town-Sergt. Osborn and Mr. E. Matthews bearing the borough maces draped in crepe. The Mayor (Ald. F. Templeman Mew, J.P.) and members of the Corporation wore their robes and the Mayor wore his chain of office tied with crepe. With the Mayor walked the ex-Mayor, Mr. Charles Webb, followed by Ald. Francis Pitts, J.P., the Deputy Mayor (Mr. J. C. Millgate), Ald. R. Bird Cheverton, J.P., Ald. W. J. Whittington, J.P., Councillors W. J. Rugg, F. E. Whitcher, F. Morgan, C.C., C. Steel, S. C. Wadham, S. E. Tomkins, G. H. Yelf, J. H. Deacon, E. C. Langton, G. H. Arthur, and S. J. Hinds (chairman of the Borough Education Committee), and Messrs. T. Ross Pratt (Town Clerk), C. A. Good, M.R.C.V.S. (market inspector), P. Shields (Financial Clerk), J. Duke (borough auditor), J. W. Way (waterworks engineer), K. S. Davey (sanitary inspector), W. F. Williams (quay superintendent), and J. J. Lington (Market toll collector). Then came the borough Fire Brigade in uniform, under Messrs. N. H. T. Mursell (captain) and A. Whittington (deputy captain), and the Corporation workmen, with Mr. J. Leal (town foreman), and Mr. Leslie (caretaker of the Recreation-ground). There were also present Messrs. J. W. Stanley, J.P., E. Morris, J.P., A. J. Snellgrove, J.P., Leonard Jordan, C.C., R. J. Eldridge, Frederick Stratton, John Way (I.W. Savings Bank), F. D. Shields (secretary Newport Conservative Club and Association), A. Chappell, L. Niblett (chairman of the Carisbrooke and Newport Joint Burial Committee), A. G. Harrison, J. H. Heal, E. F. Wray, J. B.

Alderslade, G. Rackett, Barton, H. Allen, J. L. Mitchell (headmaster of the Newport Council-schools), W. H. Chandler (headmaster of the National-schools), Miss Henshaw (headmistress of the Barton girls' school), Mr. Welby-Pryer (assistant teacher at Barton boys' school), and other members of the teaching staff of the Newport schools; Messrs. Cooper, sen., E. O. White,, A. Alabone, W. Wadham, C. W. Greenshield, H. W. Dore, W. Whittington (St. John's A.C.), G. Matthews, C. Eldridge (captain Newport Conservative Bowling Club), J. Dewey, H. Dove, and others. The Vicar of St. John's (Rev. A. C. Stratton) officiated, assisted by the Vicar of Newport (Rev. H. Edmund Sharpe), and the Rev. H. B. Ridler, the Vicar of Newport reading the lesson. Whilst the congregation was assembling the organist (Mr. A. S. L. Scadding), played Chopin's "Marche Funebre," Tchaikovsky's funeral march, and "O rest in the Lord," and at the close of the service he played the "Dead March" in Saul very impressively. The hymns sung were "For all the saints who from their labours rest" and "Peace, perfect peace." There was a large assemblage at the grave at Carisbrooke Cemetery.

At the meeting of the members of the Newport Corporation on Wednesday afternoon, on the occasion of the funeral of the late Ald. Buckler, the Mayor (Ald. F. Templeman Mew) and Ald. Francis Pittis, J.P., made feeling and regretful reference to the great loss which the Corporation and town had sustained by the death of Ald. Buckler and they respectively proposed and seconded the following resolution, which was carried *sub silentio*, and was directed to be sent to the bereaved family: "That this Council record their deep regret at the death of their esteemed and valued colleague, the late Ald. Buckler, and desire to convey their sincere sympathy and condolence with them in their sad bereavement, and that this resolution be entered in the minutes of this Council."

At a meeting of the Carisbrooke Joint Burial Committee, held at the Cemetery Lodge on Wednesday afternoon, on the motion of Mr. Councillor Steel, seconded by the Chairman (Mr. L. C. Niblett), a vote of condolence was passed with the widow and family of the late Mr. Alderman Thomas S. Buckler, who was the oldest member of the Committee, and the Chairman stated that they had lost a most valuable colleague, as the late member took such a great interest in the work of the Committee.

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