

Robert Coombes

1901 Census, 46 New Street, Newport

<i>Robert Coombes</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>General Labourer</i>	<i>Dorchester, Dorset</i>
Annie Coombes	Wife	36		Ryde, Isle of Wight
Sarah Herrett	Boarder	60		Somerset
Charles Fletcher	Boarder	50	Steam Engine Driver	Manchester, Lancashire
James Sargeant	Boarder	50	General Labourer	Calbourne, Isle of Wight
Fred Keeping	Step son*	7		Rowridge, Isle of Wight

* *not Step son, possibly nephew?*

Isle of Wight County Press – 31 August 1901

NEWPORT.

DEATH OF A KANDAHAR HERO. – The death occurred on Monday night of Mr. Robert Coombs[*sic*], of New-street. The deceased served his time in the 72nd Regiment (Seaforth Highlanders), and had seen a good deal of service, being in the Egyptian and Afghanistan campaigns, and he was in Lord (then General) Roberts's celebrated march from Cabul to Kandahar, in which he had some thrilling experiences. The deceased was especially well known amongst to the detachment of the Island Rifle Volunteers, being Drillhall-keeper for some time, whilst he was a familiar figure at the annual encampment as Sergt.-Major Evans's batman. The deceased, who leaves a widow, was 51 years of age. The funeral took place at Carisbrooke Cemetery on Thursday, Three of the deceased's old comrades attended as bearers..

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