

## John Dyer

1871 census, 68 High Street, St. Nicholas, Hampshire

<i>John Dyer</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>Formerly Newspaper Reporter</i>	<i>Newport, Hampshire</i>
Mary Ann Dyer	Wife	65		Newport, Hampshire
Clara C Dyer	Daughter	31		Carisbrooke, Hampshire
Elsbury O White	Grandson	15	Apprentice Printer	Newport, Hampshire

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## NEWPORT

**DEATH OF MR. JOHN DYER.** - Our obituary to-day contains an announcement of the death of Mr. John Dyer, an old and much-respected inhabitant of Newport, where he was born in October, 1797. It is impossible to enumerate here all the public societies and movements with which the late Mr. Dyer was connected during his long and active life. He was a member of the old Volunteer Corps, formed in the time of Napoleon the First; he was one of the earliest members of the Hand-in-Hand Friendly Society, and was also associated with many other similar institutions; he possessed considerable musical ability, both vocal and instrumental, and some 40 years ago his name was well known in most parts of the county; for a long period he was one of the leading local politicians on the Liberal side, and his memory deserves to be held in grateful recollection for the valuable and laborious service he rendered to his party, often at a personal sacrifice of which few outside his own circle were cognizant. But his connection with local journalism will, perhaps, constitute the strongest claim to remembrance. His career as a reporter commenced with the now defunct *Portsmouth Herald* in 1833, and he was for some time the correspondent at Newport of the *Hampshire Telegraph*. He was best known, however, as the Newport reporter of the *Hampshire Independent*, with which he became connected on its establishment, in 1835, and he remained its able and energetic representative until advancing years necessitated his retirement, on a handsome superannuation allowance, in 1868. In 1863 he was publicly presented with an elegant silver tea and coffee service, "in testimony of the ability, impartiality, and independence with which, during 30 years, he had discharged the duties of a reporter for the public press". For some months past his health had been gradually declining, and early on Wednesday morning last, amidst general regret, he passed away.

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