

John Wilson Marshall

Isle of Wight County Press - 26 March 1932

DEATH OF VETERAN JOURNALIST.

MR. J. W. MARSHALL, OF NEWPORT.

We regret to record the death on Sunday at his residence, Glynn, Castle-road, Newport, of Mr. John Wilson Marshall, aged 70, who last June completed 50 years of journalism in the Island for Southern Newspapers Ltd. and with one exception, was the oldest local journalist in years and length of service. A Lincolnshire man who was proud of his native county, he went from Louth to the Isle of Man, but soon after – in 1881 – he settled in Newport as the representative of the *Hampshire Advertiser*, and subsequently also became the reporter for the old *Hampshire Independent* which was ultimately merged with the *Advertiser* and the *Southern Echo*, his principal districts being Newport and Cowes, although he covered other districts for special engagements. He also served the London Press in this area for the last 30 years, and was well known and much respected among a large circle of friends. A valued member of the Newport Wesleyan Methodist Church throughout his residence here, he was, while health permitted, an active worker for the church of his choice, and formerly served as a lay preacher. He took a leading part in the organisation of the Soldiers' Recreation-room entertainments at the Wesleyan School during the war, and on these and other public occasions he proved a popular tenor vocalist. He was also associated with the promotion of a memorable concert at Newport, at which an ex-convict opera singer of great note, formerly at Parkhurst Prison, was the principal artist. Mr. Marshall was one of the oldest members of the Earl Yarborough Lodge of Oddfellows. His health seriously failed seven years ago, but recovered sufficiently to enable him, with his unconquerable spirit, to continue his journalistic work with increasing health handicaps until the close of the last general election campaign, when, after being laid aside till the end of the year, he had to relinquish his appointment. After rallying for a while he gradually sank and passed peacefully away early on Sunday morning. He leaves a wife, two daughters, and a son for whom the deepest sympathy is felt in their bereavement.

The large gathering at the funeral service in the Wesleyan Church on Wednesday testified to the widespread esteem the late Mr. Marshall had won. The Rev. H. F. Chaplin (superintendent minister) and the Rev. W. H. Bunting, of East Cowes, officiated, the last named paying tribute to the deceased's high character, love of his church, and devotion to his calling. He incidentally referred to the self-sacrifice of the life of a journalist. It was a life, as those who had followed it knew, that had many features which hindered, through sheer professionalism, one's spiritual instincts, and one's desire actively to help in worthy works. The journalist was mixed up with many things but could not often be actually of them.

The chief mourners were the widow, Miss Margaret Marshall, B.A., and Miss Marian Marshall, B.A., (daughters), Mr. Graham Marshall (son), Mr. Micah Morris (brother-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. F. Heal, Mrs. G.H. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Heal, Mr. and Mrs. T. Marsh and

Mrs. E. Heal (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), the Misses E. and A. Morris (nieces), Messrs. A. Sanders, C.G., and H. Brown, and G. Heal (nephews), Mr. S. Prideaux (Southampton), Mr. R. H. Allen, Nurse Deacon, and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Deacon. Others attending included Mr. and Mrs. E. Gentle, Mrs. F. E. Cox, Mrs. J. Gentle, Mrs. A. Kemp, J.P., Mrs. Ross Pratt, Mrs. Linington, Mrs. Butcher (Chale), Mrs. A. P. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Knapp, Mrs. Jones (Wootton), Miss Gentle, the Misses M. and M. E. Cutmore, Miss A. Dawson Horan, Mrs. Feben, Mrs. Munt, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Knighton, Mr. G. A. Brannon (managing director), Mr. W. H. Dann, B. A., J. P. (editor), and Messrs. H. Allen and W. G. Sibbick (reporting staff) of the "County Press," Police Inspector H. Randall, Ald. J. C. Millgate, J.P., Mr. F. Baker (representing Sir Godfrey Baring, Bart. and the I. W. Liberal Association), and Messrs. R. Bird Cheverton, J.P., W. J. Whittington, J.P., H. W. Horan, T.C., A. Elderfield, T.C., J. L. Mitchell, C.C., T.C., John Brown, C.C., E.H., F.J., E., and H. Morris, J. M. Mansbridge, A. H. Wright (Wootton), E. R. Dore, T.C., W. Wells, E. J. Willsted, A. Wyatt, E. A. Kime, C. H. Cave, W. Spanner, A. T. Barton, C. Morris Dabell, C. J. Cooper, W. Elderfield, W. Warne, E. A. Huck, T. Ross Pratt (town clerk), P. E. Shields (borough accountant), A. G. Harrison, G. Long, A. A. Whitfield (clerk to the Rural District Council), J. H. Black, F. White (Cowes), A. J. and E. J. Taylor, W. Standage and A. J. Cutmore. The interment was at Carisbrooke Cemetery, in a grave lined with evergreens, and there were over 40 lovely floral tributes, including those from the directors and management of Southern Newspapers, Ltd., Southampton; the members of the Newport Wesleyan Church; and the staff and form A of the South Park Upper Girls' School, Ilford where Miss Margaret Marshall is a teacher. Mr. W. Wells made the arrangements.

Transcription by Shani Watts for the Friends of Newport and Carisbrooke Cemeteries.

©2020

<https://www.foncc.org.uk>