

Major John Baldwin McGrotty

1881 England, Wales & Scotland Census

Carisbrooke Castle, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight, Hampshire, England

Name	Relationship	Status	Age	Occupation	Birthplace
<i>John McGrotty</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Married</i>	55	<i>Keeper of Carisbrooke Castle</i>	<i>Derry, Ireland</i>
Frances Ellen McGrotty	Wife	Married	50	Wife of Keeper	Dover, Kent
Mariannie McGrotty	Daughter	Unm	21	Dau of Keeper	Dover, Kent
Clara McGrotty	Daughter	Unm	20	Dau of Keeper	Portsmouth, Hampshire
Caroline McGrotty	Daughter	Unm	19	Dau of Keeper	Newport, Isle of Wight
Frances Ellen McGrotty	Daughter	Unm	16	Dau of Keeper	Shide, Isle of Wight
Esther McGrotty	Daughter	Unm	11	Scholar	Shide, Isle of Wight
Minnie McGrotty	Daughter	Unm	9	Scholar	Shide, Isle of Wight
Gordon McGrotty	Son	Unm	7	Scholar	Newport, Isle of Wight
Leonard McGrotty	Son	Unm	5		Newport, Isle of Wight
Alice Groundsell	Servant	Unm	18	General Servant	Shide, Isle of Wight

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OBITUARY. We regret to record the death of Major John McGrotty, the custodian of Carisbrooke Castle. All old Island Volunteers will remember the cheerful face of the deceased, whose connection with the Volunteer movement commenced almost from the start. He was formerly in the 60th Rifles and was first associated with the I.W. Battalion as Sergeant-Major. From this position he rose to be adjutant, taking rank as captain, and fulfilled the duties so well as to win the approbation and respect of all with whom he came in contact. On his retirement some few years ago, the lucrative post of Governor of the Castle was bestowed on him, and this position he held till his death, which occurred on Thursday week. The funeral took place on Monday, the Vicar of Carisbrook, the Rev. E. B. James, officiating. Amongst the mourners present was Mr. A. H. Estcourt, J.P., the deputy-Governor of the Island.

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THE LATE MAJOR MCGROTTY AND THE VOLUNTEERS.—The connection of the late Major McGrotty with the Island Volunteers dates back to the initiation of the movement. He first came to Ryde in November, 1859, to drill the senior company in the Island on its formation, being at that time a sergeant-major of the 1st Battalion Rifle Brigade, which was stationed at Gosport. He was engaged for the duty named by Major F. Newman, the hon. secretary of the managing committee. Those who can remember the deceased officer at that time speak of him as being one of the best possible drill instructors, and true to the reputation of Rifle Brigade men, quiet, but very particular and minute in his instructions. By reason of his having held this post, he obtained the appointment of adjutant of the administrative battalion, when it was first formed in 1860, by the influence of Sir John Lees and others. His commission as adjutant was dated September 8th, 1860. For 5 years he was simply known as Adjutant McGrotty, but at the end of that period he was granted the honorary rank of captain. He held his appointment as adjutant until the 10th July, 1878, when Major Cope succeeded him, and he retired with the honorary rank of major, having previously been made custodian of Carisbrooke Castle. Many of his old comrades in the Volunteers, especially those who were associated with him from the first, would have attended his funeral had an opportunity been afforded them of paying this tribute to his memory.

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