

## Samuel Melhuish

### 1901 census – 8 South View, Newport

<i>Samuel Melhuish</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>Printers Foreman</i>	<i>Crediton, Devon</i>
Alice A Melhuish	Wife	50		Brading, Isle of Wight
Ernest W Melhuish	Son	21	Printer, Compositor	Halstead, Essex
Gertrude M Melhuish	Daughter	19	Draper's Assistant	Halstead, Essex
William E Melhuish	Son	19	Printer, jobbing	Bracknell, Berkshire
Eva Melhuish	Daughter	12		Newport, Isle of Wight
Lily Melhuish	Daughter	9		Newport, Isle of Wight

### Isle of Wight County Press – 16 August 1902

#### SUDDEN DEATH, YESTERDAY, OF THE

#### “COUNTY PRESS” FOREMAN.

It is our painful duty to record the death of Mr. Samuel Melhuish, foreman of the news composing department of the *County Press*, which took place with alarming suddenness shortly after 5 o'clock yesterday (Friday) afternoon. The deceased had completed the “making-up” of the inner pages of the paper and left the office for the purpose of going home to tea. He was then in the best of spirits and apparently in his usual health. When he had reached the bottom of Trafalgar-road, on his way home to his house in South-view, he was noticed to fall. Assistance was immediately at hand, and Dr. Hoban, Whom a messenger had summoned, was promptly on the spot, but life was then extinct. The deceased's connection with the *County Press* commenced with the establishment of this journal some 18 years ago, and by his death the Company have lost a good and faithful servant and the staff a colleague whom they held in the warmest regard. An excellent and conscientious workman always, he may be said to have died at the post of duty. With the widow of the lamented deceased and with his son, Mr, Earnest Melhuish, who is a respected member of the *County Press* staff, and the rest of the stricken family the deepest sympathy is felt in the crushing sorrow which has so suddenly overwhelmed them. The circumstances attending the death have been reported to the Deputy Coroner.

### Isle of Wight County Press - 23 August 1902

#### FUNERAL OF THE “COUNTY PRESS”

#### NEWS FOREMAN

The funeral of the late Mr. Samuel Melhuish, foreman of the news composing department of the *County Press*, whose painfully sudden death at Newport yesterday week was recorded in last Saturday's issue took place on Tuesday afternoon. The late Mr. Melhuish was an officer of and a regular worshipper at the Newport Congregational Church, and at Sunday's services regretful reference was made to his deceased, as also was done at the afternoon's service of the

Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Society, a member of which deceased had been since its formation, as well as a very devoted and valued worker on the committee of the Society. The Chairman (the Rev. A. E. Johns), the hon. Secretary (Mr. G. M. Brown), and the speaker of the afternoon, as well as Mr. G. Young, who offered prayer, paid a warm tribute to the very acceptable and much appreciated service of one whose loss would be greatly felt by the Society and referred in touching words to the great bereavement which had so suddenly come upon the family, and a vote of sympathy and condolence with the widow and children was passed in silence. At the close the “Dead march” in *Saul* was played by the organist, Mr. E. J. H. Quarrier. At the funeral on Tuesday afternoon the family mourners were: Mrs. Melhuish (widow), Messrs. E. and W. Melhuish (sons), Mrs. G. Warlow (daughter), Miss G. Melhuish (daughter), Mrs. W. Buckland (sister), Mr. H. Melhuish (brother), Mr. S. Layzell (son-in-law), Rev. J. Ellis (brother-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. J. Tribbeck (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), and Mr. E.W. Wealthy. The mourners also included Mr. G. A. Brannon (managing director), Mr. Thomas Lee (editor), and members of the reporting staff of the *County Press* and deceased’s fellow employees at the *County Press* Printing-works, with Mr. F. Sheath (senior foreman); Mr H. Harvey (deacon of the Congregational Church), Mr. J. Bevis (vice president of the P.S.A. Society), Messrs, Fred Morgan, T. C., and F. E. Whitcher, T.C. (registrars of the P. S. A. Society), and Messrs. W. H. Upward and H. Flux (members of the committee of the P. S. A. Society). The polished elm coffin was borne in a hearse, and six of the deceased’s fellow employés (Messrs. C. Eldridge, W. H. Cosh, J. Butler, W. P. Wickenden, A. W. Spanner, and F. W. Small) acted as bearers. The internment took place at Carisbrooke Cemetery in the presence of a number of sympathising friends in addition to those named above. The Rev. A. E. Johns (Baptist) impressively conducted the solemn rites both in the Cemetery chapel and at the graveside. At the close of the service in the chapel, the rev. gentleman, in the course of a touchingly beautiful address, said whenever death came into their homes — and it came to every home — it was an occasion for sorrow, but when it came as in that case with a suddenness which was almost tragic, certainly overwhelming, that sorrow was not less, but greater. Even after a protracted illness, death was a sorrowful event, and yet was there not some comfort in the thought that for such an one death came as a relief from suffering. But when it came, as it came in that instance, with such suddenness, how overwhelming it was and how intense was the sorrow they all felt. But let them not forget that nothing was sudden to the man who was always ready — and he around whose remains they are gathered that day was ready. Let them all be ready for the event so that it should have no terrors for them.

If the circumstances under which that death had happened were so exceedingly painful, nevertheless they had served to awaken a very deep and wide-spread sympathy for the widow and children in their great sorrow. The coffin was covered with beautiful floral emblems of loving and affectionate regard, these being from his sorrowing children, his sister Mrs. Buckland, his younger brother Harry, his sister Mrs. Clegg, the Rev. J. and Mrs. Ellis, Rosa and Sydney, Mr. And Mrs. J. Tribbeck and family, Lily Ashton, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Upward and family, Mr. McSherry, Mr. And Mrs. Warder, Mr. And Mrs. F. G. Orchard and J. G. Jones, L. Fisher and M. Peachey, the managing director, editor, and reporting and clerical staff of the *County Press*, with deepest regret and sympathy; and with deepest sympathy from his fellow workmen, *Isle of Wight County Press*. Mr. S. Chiverton carried out the funeral arrangements. —

Mrs. Melhuish and family desire to return heartfelt thanks for the numerous floral tributes and other kind tokens of sympathy they have received in their great bereavement.

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