

## **Frederick Midlane**

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### **Death of Mr. Frederick Midlane, C.C.**

The death took place at his residence, 45, Trafalgar-road, Newport, on Thursday, after about three months illness, of Mr. Frederick Midlane, aged 75, who had represented the south-west division of Newport on the County Council since 1919, and was particularly well known in Friendly Society circles in the Island as the highly efficient district secretary of the Ancient Order of Foresters, a position he had held for 40 years.

Mr. Midlane, an old Newport Grammar School pupil, a contemporary of the late Sir Frederick Black, K.C.B., was the last surviving member of an old Newport family of painters, and he himself followed this calling in co-operation with his brother until he underwent a serious operation at the County Hospital nine years ago. He made a remarkable recovery from this operation, but since that time had not worked at his trade; he had devoted his time to Friendly Society and public and private interests. He will chiefly be remembered for his outstanding services to Forestry. Throughout his long occupancy of the important post of district secretary he never spared himself in promoting the interests of the Order, and his discharge of the duties was marked by meticulous care and much ability and foresight. He had also done good work as treasurer of the Newport sanctuary of the Ancient Order of Shepherds. As a county councillor, Mr. Midlane did not often speak in at public meetings, but he was an ardent worker in committee, whose sound advice always earned respect. He was particularly interested in all matters connected with public health, was a valued member of the management committee of the Longford Sanatorium, Havenstreet, and chairman of County Valuation Committee, and had served on the I.W. Insurance Committee and the old Board of Guardians. Having had personal experience of the value to the community of hospitals, his lifelong interest in such institutions was intensified in later years, and he was particularly eager to assist any effort on behalf of the County Hospital. Mr. Midlane and his wife (with whom sincere sympathy is felt) were for many years worshippers and workers at the United Methodist Church, Quay-street, Newport, where the funeral service will be held to-day (Saturday) at 2.45 p.m. For several years, between the superintendencies of Mr. C. E. Gilchrist and the present leader (Mr. W. H. Downer, T.C.) he was the superintendent of the Sunday-school there, and he had held the offices of steward and trustee of the church.

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