

Alfred Trimming Peck

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DEATH OF MR. A. T. PECK, OF NEWPORT

The death occurred on Monday at his home at Hunnyhill, Newport, at the age of 70, of Mr. Alfred T. Peck, who was a well known and much esteemed resident of the borough for the greater part of a long and useful life, a valued member for some years of the County Council, the Newport Town Council, and the former Board of Guardians, and an untiring worker in many charitable efforts. He joined the Navy at the age of 18, and saw service in connection with the Egyptian campaign, becoming a petty officer before being invalided out of the service. He later became the landlord of the Granville, Ryde, where he remained for 2½ years, and afterwards was the genial host of the Britannia, Hunnyhill, Newport, where he continued for about 25 years until his retirement. He was exceedingly popular among all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, belonging, as he did, to a family of genial and kind hearted licensed victuallers, who established an enviable tradition as ideal hosts and hostesses in Newport and Ryde, and set a high standard in the conduct of their business. His retirement from business brought little rest, for he applied himself during the following decade with unflinching devotion and energy to the discharge of ever-increasing public work as a member of the Board of Guardians, the County Council, and the Newport Town Council, his connection with which authorities he maintained until the serious illness from which he suffered for so long with exemplary patience, cheerfulness, and uncomplaining resignation, compelled him to relinquish his public activities. He was a valued helper at local elections before he himself was a candidate for municipal and other honours, and his popularity was shown by the frequency with which he headed the poll in contested elections. Numerous as were the public duties he undertook, those which proved most congenial to him were associated with his work as a guardian of the poor, in which his never failing kindness and sympathetic nature found full scope among the elderly and sick inmates of the Workhouse and Infirmary, the recipients of out-relief, and others suffering misfortune. Among those and many others whom he befriended in a very practical way he was always regarded with the warmest feelings of esteem and gratitude, not to say affection, and by his death many have lost a very real friend. He remained a Guardian till the board ceased to exist, and he was for long a regular contributor of gifts for inmates of the Parkhurst Institution. An ardent Conservative, he was a splendid worker for the cause throughout his long residence in Newport. He was a member of the local Conservative Association, and from its formation was a valued member and worker of the Newport Conservative Club, of which he was for some time honorary treasurer, and he genially presided over the Conservative Bowling Club while that club occupied its original quarters in High-street. He was one of the oldest members of the local Court of Foresters and was an active supporter of friendly society efforts on behalf of the Royal I.W. County Hospital and other charitable institutions. His late father, who came to Newport from the Brighthelm district about half a century ago, was employed at the old Carisbrooke brewery (now a laundry) by the late Charles J. Dashwood, as also were several of his sons, and the well known home of the family in those far-off days was the Brown Jug in Carisbrooke-road, Newport. Deceased's wife predeceased him during his occupancy of the Britannia, and he had lived in retirement with his daughter. Deceased lost a son in the Great War. The deepest sympathy of the community is with the deceased's grown-up family in their bereavement.

The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon, the interment being at Carisbrooke Cemetery following a service held in the Carisbrooke Parish Church, the Vicar, the Rev. H. S. Footman, R.D., officiating. The family mourners were Mrs. M. Renshaw (daughter), Messrs. E. and F. Peck (sons), Mr. F. Peck (brother), Mrs. Barham and Mrs. Jolliffe (sisters), Mr. Jolliffe (brother-in-law), Mrs. F. Peck (daughter-in-law), Mr. E. Renshaw (son-in-law), Mr. C. Barham (nephew), Mrs. W. Hyde (niece), Mr. W. F. Hyde, Miss G. Hyde, and Mrs. S. Campbell (niece). Others present included the Rev. J. W. F. Wayet (rector of Gatcombe), Sir John B. Simeon, Bart., J.P. (president of the I.W. Conservative Association), Dr. Goodwin, Capt. H. A. Drudge (Conservative agent), Ald. W. J. Rugg, Messrs. B. Sanders, C.C., S. Russell, T.C., J. L. Mitchell, C.C., T.C., D. W. Morris, T.C., F. Damp, T.C., R. A. W.

Tutte (Messrs. W. B. Mew, Langton, and Co. Ltd.), F. Morgan, P. E. Shields, M.C., B. Cooper, K. Powdrill (Southampton), Hayter, F. Hill, W. Woodmore, A. T. Barton, J. W. Gibbs, J. H. Green, J. W. Russell (County Mental Hospital), C. Cook, J. C. Williams, and C. Cowdery, Mrs. G. H. Yelf and Mrs. Dudley (Central Habitation of the Primrose League), Mrs. Kelly, and others. Those unavoidably prevented from attending included Ald. C. Steel, J.P., Mrs. H. M. Williams, J.P., and Mr. W. H. Dann, J.P.

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