

Edgar Cantelo Roche

1891 England, Wales & Scotland Census Newport, Isle of Wight, Hampshire, England

| Name | Relationship | Status | Age | Occupation | Birthplace |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Robert Roche | Head | Married | 50 | Tonsorial Artiste | Cheltenham, Gloucestershire |
| Sarah Ann Roche | Wife | Married | 49 | - | Newport, Isle of Wight |
| <i>Edgar C Roceh</i> | <i>Son</i> | <i>Single</i> | <i>22</i> | <i>Merchant clerk</i> | <i>Newport, Isle of Wight</i> |
| Mary C Roche | Daughter | Single | 19 | Domestic servant | Newport, Isle of Wight |
| Isabel C Roche | Daughter | Single | 18 | Teacher, Nat. School | Newport, Isle of Wight |
| Charles C Roche | Son | Single | 14 | Scholar | Newport, Isle of Wight |
| George Cantelo | Father-in-law | Widower | 83 | Retired ironmonger | Newport, Isle of Wight |

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NEWPORT

Death of Mr. Edgar C. Roche.—With regret we record the death of Mr. Edgar Cantelo Roche, eldest son of Mr. Robert Roche. Stricken with consumption, the deceased was for some time under treatment at the National Hospital at Ventnor, and a short while since he left Newport for Jersey, his devoted mother accompanying him. There he passed peacefully away on Wednesday last, having borne his affliction bravely and uncomplainingly to the end. The late Mr. Edgar Roche, who has not long survived his younger brother, “Charlie”, had been a member of St. Thomas’ choir from the days when his beautiful boy’s voice was a feature in the choral services of the church, and he was held in the warmest regard by his colleagues, as indeed he was by all whose pleasure it was to know him. We hear that the body is to be brought home for interment. The sincerest sympathy of all is with the bereaved father and mother and the other members of the family in this fresh sorrow.

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FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. EDGAR C. ROCHE

The funeral of Mr. Edgar Cantelo Roche, of Newport, whose lamented death in the flower of his young manhood was chronicled in our last week’s issue, took place on Wednesday amid very impressive demonstrations of sorrow and regret. In the days of his strength the deceased was an active Volunteer, and he had expressed a wish that when he was carried to the grave comrades should be his bearers. The wish was respected. The funeral took place with military honours. Under the command of Major Henry J. Way—Capt. C. Sweetman and Capt. Minns being also present—the Head-quarter Companies assembled at the Drill Hall and marched thence to the residence of the deceased in the High-street, when the sad procession started, moving slowly onward to St. Thomas’ Church. At the head was the Volunteer Band, playing the “Dead March”; then followed the firing party with arms reversed, Sergt. Killeen being in command; next came the body, borne in an open catafalque, with Volunteers as bearers walking on either side, and immediately following this were carriages containing the chief mourners—Mr. Robert Roche (father), Mr. George Cantelo Roche (brother), Miss Mary Cantelo Roche (sister), Miss Dorcas Tilly, and Mr. W. Bright, sen: in another carriage were Messrs. T. R. Tilling and E. F. King, representing

the Royal Brewery Company; and then came the rest of the Volunteers; representatives of the Earl Yarborough Lodge of Oddfellows, including Brothers G. F. W. Trenchard, N.G., R. A. Saunders, C.S., T. H. Walden (treasurer), C. Steel (permanent secretary), A. D. Ring (elective secretary), John Johnson, and A. Snow; Messrs. J. R. Hayles (superintendent), H. L. Lawes (treasurer), A. W. Holdway, and H. Munt, representing the Newport Corps of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, of which the deceased had been a member; and a number of other friends. At the west entrance to the Church the body was received by the Vicar, with whom were the surpliced choir, with which the deceased had been connected since his boyhood. As the congregation—amongst whom was the Vicar of St. Paul's, Barton—were assembling Mr. W. Scadding, at the organ, played "I know that my Redeemer liveth", "O rest in the Lord", and other appropriate airs. Preceded by the Vicar and the choir, the body was borne up the nave by the Volunteer bearers. The coffin was covered with the Union Jack, on the top of which rested the symbols of the deceased's Volunteer service and a number of beautiful floral tributes. The Vicar conducted the service. The Ninetieth Psalm, "Lord, Thou has been our refuge", was chanted, and the touching hymn, "Safe home, safe home, in port", was sung. This was the deceased's favourite hymn; he asked for it a few minutes before he passed away to his rest; and it was his desire that his old friends and colleagues of the choir should sing it at his funeral. On leaving the church the choir joined the *cortege*, which then proceeded to Carisbrooke Cemetery, where the interment took place, in the presence of a large number of mourners, in addition to those who had taken part in the procession. The service here was also performed by the Vicar of Newport, and immediately before the Blessing was pronounced the last verse of the hymn "Abide with me" was sung—

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

--At the close of the service the firing party discharged three volleys over the grave of their departed comrade, and his brethren of the Oddfellows dropped sprigs of thyme upon the coffin. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. G. Y. Groundsell.

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