

## Robert Smith

### 1881 census, 101, Upper St. James's Street, Newport

<i>Robert Smith</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>Chemist And Tobacconist</i>	<i>Droitwich, Worcestershire</i>
Maria Smith	Wife	54		Alveley, Shropshire
Robert G. Smith	Son	25	Chemists Assistant	Newport, Isle of Wight
Corbett E. Smith	Son	18	Chemists Apprentice	Newport, Isle of Wight
Rose E. Squibb	Servant	15	General Domestic Servant	Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight

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#### NEWPORT.

**DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN RESIDENT.** – With very great regret we have to record the death of Mr. Robert Smith, the well-known chemist and druggist, of Newport, who passed away on Wednesday last at the age of 60. The deceased, who was a native of Droitwich, came to Newport some 30 or 35 years ago, having purchased the old-established business with which the name “Pittis” had been long connected. In his business he was conspicuous for his skill and for the confidence which he inspired, and outside of his business he impressed all who came in contact with him as a man of singular intelligence. He had amassed copious stores of information, and it was difficult to mention a subject upon which he had not something valuable to communicate. As a numismatist, he had few equals in the Isle of Wight, and upon heraldic and kindred topics he was exceedingly-well informed. He also possessed a surprising familiarity with the works of Shakespeare and others of the older poets, and some who read these words will no doubt call to remembrance many a pleasant conversation they have had with the late Robert Smith upon congenial themes, and they will unfeignedly regret that the familiar form and voice are vanished into the “Great Silence.” In connection with the deceased it should also be mentioned that he possessed great musical taste. Years ago he was one of a glee party who obtained a high local celebrity, and he was also for some time a member of St. Thomas’s choir, and afterwards of St. John’s. The deceased had two sons, the younger of whom died a few months since; the elder survives, and he and his mother may be assured that they have the sincere sympathy of this community in their bereavement. The funeral of the deceased will take place on Monday next at Carisbrooke Cemetery.

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