

Alfred Stephens

1901 England, Wales & Scotland Census

85 Castle-road, Newport, Isle of Wight, Hampshire, England

Name	Relationship	Status	Age	Occupation	Birthplace
<i>Alfred Stephens</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>76</i>	<i>Retired wine merchant</i>	<i>Carisbrooke, IOW</i>
Charlotte Stephens	Wife	Married	78		Gatcombe, IOW
Fanny Wickens	Servant	Single	22	Servant domestic	Carisbrooke, IOW

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DEATH OF MR. ALFRED STEPHENS, OF NEWPORT

RETIRED POLICE OFFICER AND PHILANTHROPIST

We regret to record the death, which took place on Tuesday morning, of Mr. Alfred Stephens, of Plevna, Castle-road, Newport, at the advanced age of 84. The deceased gentleman, who was held in high regard by those among whom his sterling qualities were known, spent about 30 years of his life as a smart and capable police officer, first in Hampshire and then in Cornwall, rising to the position of superintendent in the latter county, before his retirement on a well-earned pension some 30 years ago. After his retirement from the police force Mr. Stephens came to Newport, where he spent the remaining years of his life. For a short time he engaged in business, being a member of the firm of Messrs. Wavell, Stephens, and Denyer, but his leisure was principally occupied with his garden. It may be said that he was passionately devoted to horticultural pursuits, and his charming garden, in regard to fruit, vegetables, and flowers in their season, always illustrated a high standard of cultivation. Especially was this the case in floriculture. Starting life in a very humble way, the late Mr. Stephens, with shrewd business aptitude, managed by judicious investment, particularly in mining matters, to rise to a position of comparative affluence. That he was a man of great kindness of heart and philanthropic instincts is evidenced by the very handsome bequests which he made to various benevolent institutions. We understand that he has left £2000 to the Royal I.W. Infirmary and County Hospital on condition that photo-crayons of himself and wife are exhibited in the rooms of that institution, and also £1500 to the Royal National Hospital for Consumption at St. Lawrence, and that there are other smaller bequests of a similar nature, details of which are not yet available. The deceased gentleman was a member of the Unitarian Christian Church at Newport. In politics he was a Liberal of the old school, and while not prominently identifying himself with party organisations, he kept himself well abreast of all political questions, upon which he brought to bear marked independence of judgement. The greatest sympathy is felt with the aged widow in her bereavement. The funeral takes place to-day (Saturday) at Carisbrooke Cemetery, the cortege leaving the house at midday.

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NEWPORT

The Late Mr. A. Stephens.—The funeral of the late Mr. Alfred Stephens, of Plevna, Castle-road, whose death at the age of 79, and whose philanthropic bequests were reported in our last issue, took place on Saturday at Carisbrooke Cemetery, the Rev. A. H. C. Edlin officiating. The mourners included Mr. J.

H. Wavell, Mr. W. Wavell, Mr. Frederick Stark, Mr. R. A. Stark, and Mr. A. E. Stark, Messrs. G. Long and F. King (executors), Dr. Underhill, Messrs. C. Dore, A. Hoyes, and J. W. Marshall, and Supt. Ayres and P.C. Bungey (I.W. Constabulary, and formerly of the Hampshire Constabulary, of which the deceased was an officer for some years). On the plain coffin were two floral tributes, one from the widow of the deceased. The deceased gentleman bequeathed legacies to his wife, relations, friends, and executors, and subject to his wife's interest in the residue of his estate he made charitable bequests as follows: £2000 to the Royal I.W. County Hospital, £1500 to the Royal National Hospital for Consumption, St. Lawrence, £100 to the Invalid Children's Convalescent Nursing Home, Winifred House, Tollington-park, London, £50 to the Lifeboat Institution, and the residue of the estate as to one moiety for the Gordon Boys' Home and the other moiety for Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

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