

Arthur Cornelius Villar

1901 census – 11 Hearn Street, Newport

Arthur C Villars	Head	46	Insurance Agent & Sec.	Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire
Fanny Villars	Wife	48		Newchurch, Isle of Wight
Daisy L Villars	Daughter	16		Newport, Isle of Wight
Mildred F Villars	Daughter	12		Newport, Isle of Wight
Lilian M Villars	Daughter	10		Newport, Isle of Wight
Agnes C Villars	Daughter	8		Newport, Isle of Wight
Clement J Villars	Son	5		Newport, Isle of Wight
Harold D Nancarrow	Boarder	22	School Master	Illogan, Cornwall

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IMPOSING FORESTER'S FUNERAL. THE LATE MR. A. C. VILLAR OF NEWPORT.

Amid many manifestations of sorrow and esteem the funeral took place at Newport on Sunday afternoon of Mr. Arthur C. Villar, the late respected District Chief Manager of the I.W. District of Foresters, the secretary of the Newport Court of that Order, and a much-valued lay Church worker at Newport and Godshill. Some 200 members of the Newport Foresters and the various Courts in the Isle of Wight District, male and female, as well as Oddfellows, and members of other Friendly Societies were in the unusually long funeral procession, in addition to relatives and other personal mourners, members of the St. Thomas's Men's Bible Class and others. The officers of the Foresters wore their regalia and the ordinary members funeral ribbons. The first part of the service, which was chorally rendered, took place at St. Thomas's Church, Newport, where there was a large congregation. The widow and children of the deceased and his brothers, as well as other relatives, were included among the personal mourners, with whom also were the Mayor of Newport (Mr. Harry Shepard, T.C.), Dr. McKay, Mr. H. Tullidge (Churchwarden), Mr. A. E. Cave, T. B. O'Ffiahartie, Mr. F. Pinnock, and Mr. J. G. Pinnock. The Foresters were headed by the District Sub-Chief Ranger, Bro. H. L. Wall, F.G.R., of the Cowes Court, the Chief Ranger of the Newport Court, Bro. E. F. Wray, P.C.C.R., and then came Bros. E. J. Smith, P.D.C.R., S. Mitchell, P.D.C.R., F. Spanner, P.D.C.R., (trustees), A. Spanner, District Treasurer and Scribe of the Ancient Order of Shepherds, F. Midlane, P.C.R., and District Secretary, W. Heal, P.P., of the Shepherds, C. Eldridge, P.C.R., P.D.P., of Shepherds, and J. Stubbs, P.C.R. (trustee of Court 1821, Newport). Court 1822 (Cowes) as represented by its Chief Ranger and Sub-Chief Ranger, Bros. Jolliffe (secretary), S. D. Mitchell (treasurer), and others; Court 5134 (Ventnor) by Bros. G. H. Hitchman, P.C.R., G. King, P.C.R. (trustees), J. Murphy, S.C.R., P.C.R., W. W. Sheath, P.D.C.R. (secretary), W. Cooper, P.C.R. (treasurer), and others; Court 5233 (Shanklin) by Bros. R. C. Rogers (secretary), A. Carpenter, and others; Court 5154 (Shorwell) by Bro. J. H. Brown (secretary) and Bro. F. Ridett; Lady Simon (Newport) Court of Female Foresters by Sisters Harris, C.R., E. Flux (secretary), and others; Court Emma Ward

(Cowes) by the Chief Ranger, Sub-Chief Ranger, and Woodward, and Miss Spencer (secretary). The Earl Yarborough Lodge of Oddfellows was well represented, those present including Bros. G. Henley, N.G., Frank King, V.G., H. Lower, G.M., H. Prouten (trustee), and others, and Bro. J. B. Alderslade, trustee of that Lodge and secretary of the I.W. District of Oddfellows, was also present. Others present included members of the Newport Branch of the Hants and General Friendly Society, among them Bros. Arthur Cooper (agent) and G. Head, and others; Bros. W. Ayres (Chamberlayne Court of Foresters, Southampton), Durgin (Portsmouth Foresters), and others. Bros. W. H. Dyer, P.C.R., Way, P.C.R., Jones, P.C.R., Williams, P.C.R., of Court 1821 (Newport) were the bearers, and Past District Chief Rangers Bros. Jolliffe, Sheath, Carpenter, and Ridett were the pall bearers. The Vicar of Newport (Rev. H. Sharpe) officiated, assisted by the Revs. P. R. H. Bartlett (vicar of Godshill) and Miles Atkinson. The choir and clergy met the cortege at the west door and proceeded it up the nave, the Rev. Miles Atkinson reading the opening sentences of the Burial Office. Immediately preceding the coffin was borne by Mr. H. Brummell the cross which the deceased used to carry at the Godshill services, it being the wish of the deceased that it should be carried at his funeral, and it was also borne before the body to the grave. The Vicar of Newport read the prayers and the Vicar of Godshill the lesson, and the Vicar of Newport delivered a brief and touching address, remarking that it was fitting that they should assemble in such large numbers in God's House that day to pay their last tribute of respect to the memory of a well-loved brother, who had been a zealous and faithful servant of the Church and of the great friendly society he had served so well and who had given his time and efforts ungrudgingly to further the interests of Christ's Kingdom and the welfare of his fellow men in that town and in the Island. When he (the Vicar) came to Newport some 11 years ago, Mr. Villar was secretary of the Church of England Working Men's Society, and his heart and soul were in the work of that Society, and of the Church and the other organizations in welfare of which he was ever ready to spend and be spent. He had set before them in his life and in the bearing of his mortal affliction an example of the reality of the faith of the Church of Christ and of the joy of service, an example which might well be followed by them, and his death was a call to those left behind to come forward and take up the work in which he had been engaged. In conclusion, the Vicar touchingly expressed their sympathy with the bereaved ones. The service at the grave was concluded by the Vicars of Newport and Godshill, and the Foresters' funeral service was impressively read by Bro. E. F. Wray, P.D.C.R., and Chief Ranger of the Newport Court. Sprigs of yew were dropped in the grave by the Foresters as they filed past the last resting place of the mortal remains of their departed brother. On and around the polished elm coffin, the breastplate on which was inscribed "Arthur Cornelius Villar, entered into rest January 23rd, 1906, aged 50 years." were many beautiful floral tributes from the I.W. District of Foresters and Courts 1821, 1822, 5134 and 5463, and Wootton branch of the Foresters, and others. ... Mr. Moorman satisfactorily carried out the funeral arrangements.

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