

## William Clemens Way

### 1901 census, 10 Carisbrooke Road, Newport

<i>William C Way</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>81</i>	<i>Living on own means</i>	<i>Newport, Isle of Wight</i>
			<i>(retired Builder)</i>	
L M Way (Louisa Mary)	Daughter	53		Newport, Isle of Wight
Agnes Denness	Servant	21	General Servant	Newport, Isle of Wight

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#### DEATH OF MR. W.C. WAY, J.P., OF NEWPORT

Full of years and held in the highest esteem by all who knew him in public and private life, Mr. William Clemens Way, J.P., passed peacefully away at his residence, Newport, on Saturday morning last. As a member of the Corporation, first as Councillor and afterwards as Alderman, his record of municipal service extended over a period of more than 40 years, and unswerving conscientiousness marked his discharge of every public duty. As chairman for many years of the Waterworks Committee, he rendered especially valuable service, and in all matters affecting the well-being of the borough he was, so long as his health permitted, ever a good and true worker. In 1889 the highest civic honour was conferred upon him, and Newport's Mayoral roll bears no worthier name. For a long course of years he was the hon. Secretary of the Isle of Wight Savings Bank, and he held that office up to the time of his death, Mr. John Way having been associated with him during the last four years. He was devoted to the interests of that old and useful institution, with which his name will always be honourably associated. In private life his gentle and courteous nature won for him the warm regard of all who had the privilege of his acquaintance, and by them, as by the community at large, he will be pleasantly remembered as one who bore himself worthily in all the relationships of life and did good work in his day and generation.

At the Newport Borough Police-court, at the Guildhall on Monday, before the commencement of the business, the Mayor said he had that morning to make the sorrowful announcement that death had taken from them a much esteemed colleague and fellow townsman, Mr. William Clemens Way, who, through a long life, had very ably and diligently discharged the duties of a citizen. For many years he filled with honour to himself and advantage to the town the offices of Councillor, Alderman, and Mayor, and as a Justice of the Peace for the borough for upwards of 17 years he acted with a conscientiousness worthy of the imitation of all who were called to such a position. For some years, however, he had been an invalid and thus his appearance on the Bench had not been possible. By all who knew him, his kindness of heart, his affability of disposition, and honesty of purpose would be long remembered with affectionate admiration.

The Funeral of the lamented deceased took place at Carisbrooke Cemetery on Wednesday morning last. In the town of Newport there were many manifestations of sincere respect for the memory of one who has left behind him so good a record of work done in the best interest of the community. The *cortège* left the residence in Carisbrooke-road at 10 o'clock, and at the Cemetery gates was joined by the general mourners, including the Mayor and members of the Corporation, borough magistrates, and other sympathising friends. The procession was headed by Supt. Ayres, of the County Constabulary, with P.S. Bignell and four constables. Next followed the open hearse, with its bare polished-elm coffin and brass fittings - there were no wreaths by the special request of the deceased. The chief mourners in carriages immediately behind the hearse were: Mr. William Clemens Way and Major Henry J. Way (sons), and Messrs. Edward William Way, Lionel H. Way, and Gerald E. Manby (grandsons), Arthur Saunders and Frank Spickernell (nephews), John Way, Robert Way (late Westcourt), Dr. Underhill, and C. Taylor (an employé of the deceased for over 40 years). The Corporation and borough magistracy, preceded by Town Sergt. Osborn bearing the *crèped* civic mace,

were represented by the Mayor (Mr. C. Salter J.P., C.C.), the Deputy Mayor (Ald. R.B. Cheverton, J.P.), Mr. Robey F. Eldridge, J.P., Ald. Francis Pittis, J.P., Ald. W.J. Whittington, J.P., Dr. Groves, J.P., Mr. Robert Bullen, J.P., Mr. G.B. Purkis J.P., Mr. James Eldridge (deputy Clerk to the borough justices), Councillors Harry Shepard, J.W. Morey, C. Webb, T. Brown, F. Morgan, T.J. Midlane, and J.H. Linington, with Mr. C.T. Allèe (rate collector). Amongst those also present were the Vicar of St. Paul's, Barton (the Rev. W.H. Nutter), Mr. C.J. Dashwood, Mr. C.D. Vibert, Mr. B.W. Tilley, Mr. George Pinnock, Mr. John Roach, Mr. G. King, Mr. Robinson, Mr. J. Bevis, and ex-P.S. T. Spanner. The deceased was laid to rest in a brick grave by the side of his wife, who had predeceased him some 17 years. The Vicar of St. John's (the Rev. J.R. Edwards) impressively officiated. The breast-plate on the coffin bore the following inscription: "William Clemens Way, died 9th September, 1905, aged 85 years." Mr. F.T. Mew, J.P., Mr. W.C. Mew J.P., Mr. James George, J.P., Mr. J.W. Stanley, J.P., Ald. G.D. Rich, Ald. W.W. Clark, Mr. James Thomas, J.P., C.A., Mr. W.H. Wooldridge (Clerk to the Justices), and Mr. Leonard Jordan, T.C., were unavoidably prevented from attending the funeral. Mr. G.F. Quinton was the undertaker.

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