

Mr. Edwin Whitcher J.P. and Mrs. Crosby Whitcher

Salisbury and Winchester Journal – 26 April 1862

Marriages

On the 17th inst., at the Independent Chapel, Christchurch, by the Rev. J. Fletcher, Edwin, third son of Mr. James Whitcher, of Iford, to Crosbie, fourth daughter of Mr. James Tarrant, of Milhams-street, Christchurch.

1871 England, Wales & Scotland Census

St James Street, Upper, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight, Hampshire, England

Name	Relationship		Age	Occupation	Birth place
Edwin Whitcher	Head	Married	37	Outfitter & draper master	Iford, Hampshire
Crosby Whitcher	Wife	Married	40		Christchurch
Elizabeth J Whitcher	Daughter	Single	5	Scholar	Newport, IOW
Frank E Whitcher	Son	Single	4		Newport, IOW
Kate E Whitcher	Daughter	Single	1		Newport, IOW
Eliza Tarrant	Visitor	Single	43	Kept by friends	Christchurch
Jane Way	Servant	Single	15	Domestic servant	Newport, IOW

1881 England, Wales & Scotland Census

31, Upper St James Street, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight, Hampshire, England

Name	Relationship		Age	Occupation	Birth place
Edwin Whitcher	Head	Married	47	Alderman Clothier Outfitter	Iford, Hampshire
Elizabeth Jane Whitcher	Daughter	Single	15	Scholar	Newport, IOW
Frank Ernest Whitcher	Son	Single	14	Scholar	Newport, IOW
Kate Eliza Whitcher	Daughter	Single	11	Scholar	Newport, IOW
Sidney Arthur Whitcher	Son	Single	9	Scholar	Newport, IOW
Elizabeth Whitcher	Mother	Widow	76	Bedridden	Wimborne, Dorset
Eliza Tarrant	Sister in law	Single	53	Domestic keep	Christchurch
William Henry Taylor	Boarder	Single	20	Clothiers Shopman	Abingdon, Berkshire
Emily Groundsell	Servant	Single	16	Domestic servant	Shide, IOW

1881 Census, St Bartholomew's Hospital, Smithfield

Crosby Whitcher	Married	51	Husband an outfitter	Christchurch, Hants
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Mrs. Crosby Whitcher

Hampshire Advertiser - 20 June 1883

Newport

Sudden Death – On Monday the wife of Alderman Whitcher, of this town, died suddenly after a very painful illness. On Sunday the deceased attended the Congregational Church as usual, but afterwards ominous symptoms presented themselves from which death resulted one day later. Although suffering at times intense pain as a consequence of a distressing malady, which baffled the skill of the most experienced medical practitioners, deceased manifested a courageous and cheerful spirit even to the last. Her illness was borne with Christian resignation and submission to the Divine will. Her decease will be regretted by numerous friends.

Mr. Edwin Whitcher J.P.

Isle of Wight County Press - 4 February 1899

DEATH OF MR. EDWIN WHITCHER, J. P.

Newport has lost a well known and highly esteemed citizen by the death of Mr. Edwin Whitcher, J.P., whose mortal life of 66 years had a most peaceful ending early on Thursday morning last. So long as his health and strength permitted, the deceased took an active interest in the public affairs of the town. He was for many years a member of the Corporation, attaining the dignity of an Alderman, and the exercise of his great abilities he made his mark in the Council-chamber.

In the palmy days of the old Nodehill party, Mr. Whitcher was its most eloquent spokesman. Associated with him were the late Mr. Benjamin Midlane, the late Mr. Joseph Johnson, and other active "progressives" of the time, and the party became a real power in the town. In politics the deceased was a Liberal, and the services which he rendered to the cause were of inestimable value to his party. This was especially the case in the old "Clifford" and "Simeon" days, when he was always to the front whenever there was any work to be done for the cause to which he was attached.

He was for some time president of the local Liberal Association, and though failing health had for some years debarred him from active participation in political work, his counsel was ever at the service of the party. Amongst his closest friends, personally and politically, were the late Mr. F. W. Black and the late Mr. Alfred J. Dyer, J.P. On the death of the latter gentleman Mr. Whitcher said to the writer of this notice that he was almost the only one left of the old circle and he felt that he should not long survive the friends who had "gone before". The deceased was also identified with many good movements outside of politics..

He was appointed a magistrate for the borough about 13 years ago. He was consistently and devotedly attached to the principles of Nonconformity and was a member of the Congregational Church. In private life his affable bearing and kindly qualities won the sincere regard of all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, and the friends whom he linked to himself by the exercise of these qualities will indeed miss his genial presence and smiling salutation.

We are sure our readers will join us in offering a sincere expression of the deepest sympathy with the members of the bereaved family. The flag at the Guildhall has been flying at half-mast since the day of Mr. Whitcher's death. The funeral takes place next Monday at Carisbrooke Cemetery, where deceased's wife is buried, the cortege leaving the house in Upper St. James's street at 2 o'clock.

At the monthly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Isle of Wight Liberal Union held at Newport yesterday afternoon, prior to the consideration of the ordinary business, Mr. Godfrey Baring, J.P., the president, referred in feeling terms to the death of Mr. Edwin Whitcher, J.P., a vice-president of the Union, and its hon. Treasurer from 1884 to 1889, dwelling upon his long connection with and sustained interest in Island Liberalism, and the valued services frequently rendered by him. – Mr. Samuel Jordan, J.P. (hon. Treasurer), seconded a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the deceased gentleman, moved by the Chairman, which was carried by all the members rising.

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