

Tom Woolgar

Isle of Wight County Press – 31 March 1928

NEWPORT.

THE DEATH. – of Mr. Tom Woolgar, aged 54, of 89 High-street, occurred somewhat suddenly on Sunday, and came as a painful shock to many friends who had been associated with him in religious and philanthropic work. He was taken ill on the previous Tuesday and rapidly became worse, pneumonia supervening. The deceased, who was the last surviving member of the family, was for many years in business with his father as a boot and shoe-maker. He retired shortly after his father's death about three years ago, and engaged in religious work in connection with the Clifford-street Mission-hall, where he conducted a Bible Class. He was a man of strict religious views, and of a retiring disposition, but was always ready to help those in distress. He was at one time the owner of considerable property in the Upper High-street, but had recently sold the greater part of it. He was very fond of gardening, and with the object of improving the appearance of the Mall he offered to plant trees there, but the Corporation did not favour the proposal. The funeral took place on Wednesday in the family burying-place at Carisbrooke Cemetery, the service being conducted by Mr. A. C. Fry, who also gave an address in which he extolled the virtues of the deceased, and said that he had been a good friend to the poor and they would deeply mourn their loss. The mourners were Messrs. F. Guy, W. Spencer (uncles), A. G. James, E. R. Dore, T. Buckler, C. T. Walrond, Mrs. Chandler (deputy mayor), who attended in the unavoidable absence of the Mayor (Mr. W. Blake, T.C.), Ald. F. E. Whitcher, J.P. (representing the Corporation), Mr. C. Pigott (representing the London and Westminster Bank, in the absence of Mr. C. A. Sleaf, the manager), Mr. W. D. W. Buckell, M.C. (family solicitor), Mr. E. W. Way, Mr. E. W. Tyler, Mr. and Mrs. G. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Fry, Mrs. Dudley, Mrs. Newnham, and Miss Bailey. Mr. F. W. Dudley (an old schoolfellow) was unavoidably prevented from attending. There were no flowers. The funeral arrangements were efficiently carried out by Messrs. G. F. Quinton.

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Newport Tradesman's Handsome Charitable Bequests.

The late Mr. T. Woolgar, retired boot-maker, of High-street, Newport, whose death and funeral are recorded in another column, has, we understand, left a number of handsome bequests to charities and to personal friends. He left £2000, free of legacy duty, to the Mayor and Corporation, the principal to be invested and the interest used each year during January, February, and March, or at other times of distress, for the relief of necessitous poor, and a proportionate share of the residue of his estate is also given for the same purpose, and it is anticipated that this will amount to a considerable figure. Amongst other societies and institutions which benefit under his will are the Newport District Nursing Association, the I.W. County Hospital, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, and the place of worship in Clifford-street with which Mr. Woolgar had been connected for some years in association with Mr. A. C. Fry. These handsome bequests follow many generous gifts to the deserving poor made by the deceased during his life, but these acts were always unobtrusively performed, and few but the grateful recipients ever heard of them.

Probate:

WOOLGAR Tom of Newport Isle of Wight died 25 March 1928 at 89 High-street Newport
Probate London 26 May to Westminster Bank Limited. Effects £24517 9s. 6d. (2020 equivalent circa
£1.55M)

2020 – The Tom Woolgar, UK registered charity 204080

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