

## **Edgar Ralph Dore**

### **1898 & 1911 Kelly's Directories – Newport, Commercial**

**Dore Emily A. (Mrs.)**, boot & shoe warehouse, 161 High street

### **1927 Kelly's Directory - BOOT & SHOE MAKERS, WAREHOUSES & DEALERS**

**Dore Edgar Ralph**, 161 High street & 25 & 26 St. Thomas' square, Newport.

### **1937 Kelly's Directory – Newport, Commercial**

**Dore Edgar Ralph**, boot & shoe warehouse, 25 & 26 St. Thomas square & outfitter, 14 Holyrood street

## **Isle of Wight County Press - 4 November 1961**

### **PROPERTY OWNER'S DEATH**

#### **MR. E. R. DORE, OF NEWPORT**

One of the oldest members of the Island Chamber of Commerce, and one of Newport's leading property owners, Mr, Edgar Ralph Dore, of 133 Castle Road, died at St Mary's Hospital, Newport, on Friday week.

Mr. Dore served on Newport Town Council from 1929-32 as a representative for the old North Ward, and was a county councillor from 1934 until 1945;

Mr. Dore believed to be in his 80s, had also been associated with the Southern Seas Fishery District and the former I.W. River Catchment authority.

The county flag, the Union Jack, and St George's which fly from the County Hall on special occasions, were all gifts of Mr. Dore at the time the building was opened, Another gift, made a few years ago, was the gold chain to which the chairman of the County Council's chain of office is attached.

Mr. Dore lived the life of a semi-recluse looking after himself in his house in Castle Road, his only companion being a large black dog. He surrounded himself with books and bric-a-brac, accumulated over the years. He was a familiar figure in the town dressed in clothes of a bygone day. By repute he was one of the richest men in the town, owning a wide variety of properties, including shops and houses. The shops included one in St Thomas's Square, which once retailed boots and shoes, and although it has been closed for years, some of the stock still remains on the shelves. He refused many offers to sell the premises to neighbouring firms who wished to expand, and gradually this property became derelict. He was keenly interested in the history of the borough, and in problems of local government, and frequently expressed his views in the correspondence columns of the "County Press."

The funeral service took place at Newport Parish Church on Thursday.

The funeral service at Newport Parish Church on Thursday was conducted by the Rev. L. J. D. Wheatley (vicar of St. Paul's, Barton). The mourners were Mr. Arthur Dore (cousin),

Ald. Capt. H. J. Ward, D.L., J.P. (chairman, County Council), Ald. F. F. Hollis (chairman, Rural District Council), Ald. Mrs. M. C. Barton, Messrs. H. Y. Groundsell, C. F. Lallow, H. H. Perry, F. J. L. Launder, W. Upward and G. E. Tomlinson, Mr. and Mrs. H. King and Mrs. Lockhart. Interment was at Newport Cemetery.

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