

## William Thomas Gubbins

### 1891 census – 154 High Street, Newport, Isle of Wight

<i>William T Gubbins</i>	Head	69	<i>Bookseller &amp; Stationer</i>	<i>Newport, Isle of Wight</i>
Ann Gubbins	Wife	65		Newport, Isle of Wight
Emma Birch	Servant	21	General Servant	Newport, Isle of Wight

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#### NEWPORT

**DEATH OF MR. W. T. GUBBINS** - It is with much regret that we have to record the death of Mr. W. T. Gubbins, which took place at his residence, Hazards House, on Tuesday last, at the age of 76. Though not prominently identifying himself with public affairs, he had held several local offices, in which he rendered useful service to the community. He was for many years one of the Newport Charity trustees, and had for some time been the honorary treasurer of that body, the duties of which office he continued to discharge up to the time of his death. He had also filled certain municipal positions, though he never aspired to membership of the Corporation. He was frequently invited years ago to become a candidate for the Council, but he always declined the proffered honour. Connected with one of the oldest and best-known bookselling and stationery firms, his name and personality were familiar throughout the central part of the Island, and he was highly esteemed for his business integrity, while all whose privilege it was to know him in social life entertained for him a very sincere regard. Truly, by his death Newport loses a good and worthy citizen, and the sympathy of Newport is with the bereaved family in their sorrow. The funeral takes place this (Saturday) morning.

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**THE LATE MR. W. T. GUBBINS, OF NEWPORT** - The funeral of the late Mr. William Thomas Gubbins, whose death was recorded in our last issue, took place on Saturday at Newport Cemetery amid general manifestations of sorrowful respect. The first portion of the service was chorally rendered at the parish church, the officiating clergymen being the Vicar of Newport (Rev. H. Edmund Sharpe), assisted by the Vicar of St. Paul's, Barton (Rev. W. H. Nutter), an old friend of the deceased, who impressively read the lesson. Mr. W. T. Russell presided at the organ and played "I know that my Redeemer liveth" before the service. The hymn "Jesu, lover of my soul" was sung at the service, and as the body was borne from the church "O rest in the Lord" was played on the organ.

The principal mourners were Miss Jane Milligan Gubbins and Mrs. George Woodyear (daughters), Mr. William J. Gubbins and Mr. George T. Gubbins (sons), Mr. George Woodyear (son-in-law), Mr. Edward J. Upward, J.P., and Mr. Edward Milligan, with Dr. Groves, J.P., (medical attendant). Then followed the deceased's colleagues of the Newport Charity Trustees, Messrs. Robert Pinnock, J.P. (chairman), J. George, J.P., Francis Pittis, J.P., and B. Vibert, with Mr. W. J. Bailey (secretary) and the headmaster (Mr. C. D. Vibert) and some 50 pupils of the Newport Grammar School, with Messrs. E. J. Turner and

E. C. Clench (masters). Others present included Major Henry J. Way and Messrs. C Webb, A. Gill Martin, E. G. Barnes, J. Eldridge, A. Dore Kelymack, H. Tullidge, F. Lee, and C. F. Fox. A wish had been expressed that there should be no flowers, but a number of beautiful floral tokens rested on the coffin. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. S. Salter. Mr. W. J. Bailey, jun., solicitor to the Charity Trustees, was prevented from being present by indisposition.

Supplementing our last week's reference to the deceased's life, it will be interesting to note that the late Mr. Gubbins was the oldest trustee of the Newport Grammar School and the only survivor of the past regime. He had been treasurer of that body for more than 30 years. He was also churchwarden of St. Thomas's for some years, a part of his term of office being during the rebuilding of the church, after the completion of which he had the honour of personally conducting H.M. the Queen, the late Prince Consort, and the Princess Royal, now the Empress Frederick, over the new building.

Mrs. Gubbins and family desire to return thanks to their many friends for kind sympathy in their bereavement.

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