

James Robert Hayles

1911 England, Wales & Scotland Census

Ashbourne, Avondale Road, Newport, Isle of Wight, Hampshire, England

Name	Relationship	Status	Age	Occupation	Birthplace
<i>James Robert Hayles</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>Pork butcher</i>	<i>Newport, IOW</i>
Jane Hayles	Wife	Married	61	Assistant in business	Carisbrooke, IOW
James Alfred Hayles	Son	Single	32	Assistant in business	Carisbrooke, IOW
Jessica Hayles	Daughter	Single	29	Assistant at home	Newport, IOW

Isle of Wight County Press - 13 January 1912

NEWPORT

Death of Mr. J. R. Hayles.--Newport loses an old tradesman and much-respected resident by the death of Mr. James Robert Hayles, of St. James's-square, who passed away at his residence, Ashbourne, Avondale-road, yesterday (Friday), at the age of 66. The deceased had been laid aside by a seizure, which he experienced some five months ago, and since he had been a great sufferer. He bore his long illness with characteristic fortitude and gentleness. In his quiet, unassuming way, the late Mr. Hayles had done a great work in Newport in connection with the St. John Ambulance Corps. He took the keenest interest in this work and was every ready to give his skilful assistance in any case of emergency. In 1889 he was a student at the first ambulance classes held in Newport, and in the following year, mainly owing to his energy and enthusiasm, the local corps of the St. John Ambulance Brigade was formed, and the success which has attended his efforts is well known. Mr. Hayles gained all the qualifications it was possible to obtain in ambulance work, and was the first superintendent of the local corps and latterly the first officer. His devoted and self-sacrificing work in this connection was suitably recognized not long ago when he was made an honorary serving member of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. He was a valued helper at the Congregational Church and Sunday-school, and one of the oldest members of the Earl Yarborough Lodge of Oddfellows.

Isle of Wight County Press - 20 January 1912

NEWPORT

The Late Mr. J. R. Hayles—An Ambulance Funeral.—The funeral took place on Thursday of the late Mr. J. R. Hayles, of St. James's-square and Mount-pleasant, an old and esteemed tradesman and a devoted and valued worker in the Newport Division of the St. John Ambulance, of which he was formerly superintendent and the first officer of the Division at his death, which sad occurrence we recorded with regret last week. The first part of the burial service was conducted at deceased's residence by the Rev. Arthur Jones (Congregational), who also officiated at the interment at Newport Cemetery.

The principal mourners, outside the relatives, were members of the Newport and St. John's (Ryde) Divisions of the Island Centre of the St. John Ambulance Association, those from St. John's (Ryde) being under Supt. W. Stockham, and those at Newport under Corpl. Hobbs, in place of the superintendent of the Newport Division, Mr. J. W. Gibbs, deceased's son-in-law, he being one of the family mourners. Six of the oldest members of the Newport Division, Messrs. F. Peach, W. G. Denness, G. Matthews, A. Fleming, A. Williams, and P. Newbury acted as bearers.

The cortege was joined at the Unity-hall by representatives of the Earl Yarborough Lodge of Oddfellows (of which deceased was one of the oldest members), including Bros. Leonard Jordan, N. G. E. Parkinson, V.G., P.G.s T. Whiston and G. H. Dunford and Bros. F. E. Snow and B. Osborn.

Those also present included Messrs. F. E. Whitcher, T.C. (Deputy Mayor), John Upward, and A. G. Harrison (deacons of the Congregational Church, of which deceased was a member), Mr. I. W. Pitman, Mr. C. W. Greenshield, and others.

The personal mourners were Messrs. J. A. Hayles (son), W. S. Hayles (brother), J. W. Gibbs (son-in-law), W. Hayles (nephew), T. Booker, C. Hookey (brothers-in-law), G. Mills, A. E. Woolgar (cousins), and F. Booker and Messrs. H. Cook and H. Trowbridge (employees). Mr. J. Bevis carried out the funeral arrangements. The polished coffin bore the following inscription: "James Robert Hayles,, died January 12th, 1912, aged 66 years". There were a number of beautiful floral souvenirs.

The desire of the widow and family was that the funeral service should be as quiet and unostentatious as possible; it was therefore held at the house. The Rev. Arthur Jones, with whose church the late Mr. Hayles was connected from his boyhood, expressed the sincere and heartfelt sympathy of the relatives and friends gathered there with the widow and family. He rejoiced that for the bereaved ones the sorrow of their loss was robbed of its bitterness by their possession of a glorious confidence that he who had gone from them had entered through what we call death into fuller and richer life. His life would remain with them with all the influence of its quiet strength, and the inspiration of the unselfish helpfulness.

Referring to the fact that the initial cause of the affliction which had shortened his days on earth, was, in all probability, the accident he met with nine or 10 years ago when thrown from an ambulance van while engaged on an errand of mercy, the speaker said it had often been remarked to him how hard it seemed that the departed brother should have had his life here shortened by an injury incurred in doing good. To this he had replied how much harder it would have been to think of that injury having been incurred while doing evil. In a very real sense their brother had given his life in the service of his fellows.

He was untiring and unselfish in his zeal in pursuing the work of St. John Ambulance, in alleviating pain and suffering, in tending the injured and the sick. The memory of such service would abide as an inspiration in the lives of those who had known him. And now he had gone before. They could not wish him back. He was now freed from his pain, his weariness, and weakness; with new and added powers and untiring strength he had passed on to nobler, richer service above. For him they need not pray, both for those whom he had left, that to them there might be given the comfort of God's presence, the consolation of His Spirit, and the sustaining strength of His grace.

The speaker added his personal testimony to the loyal and faithful service rendered by the late Mr. Hayles in connection with the Church of which he was a member. He was one of the most reliable of men in any service he undertook. He was one who did not wish to shine, but who did desire to serve. As one of the doorkeepers at the Congregational Church he was never failing in his attendance, and his genial presence and cheery words would be long missed by many worshippers.

Mrs. Hayles and family desire to return their heartfelt thanks for the many kindly inquiries during the illness of the late Mr. Hayles and for the numerous kind expressions of sympathy with them in their bereavement.

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