

## **Edith Frances Matthews**

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### **NEWPORT.**

**Nonagenarian's Death.** – The death occurred on Sunday of Mrs. Edith Frances Matthews, of 52 South Street, where she had been living for 64 years. Mrs. Matthews, who was 94, was the daughter of a Crimean war veteran and the widow of Mr. William Matthews, who died in 1918. She was one of the oldest members of the Catholic Church in Pyle Street, which she had attended since childhood, and of the women's section of the British Legion. In the latter part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, when the house was the "Valiant Soldier," Mrs. Matthews obtained bones from the butchers and made them into soup, which she distributed to the children in the neighbourhood. She leaves one son, three daughters, and had eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. The funeral took place on Thursday, a service at the Catholic Church being conducted by Father D. Rea. The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Matthews (son and daughter-in-law), Mesdames A. E. White and L. Smith and Miss E. Matthews (daughters), Miss R. White (grand-daughter), Mrs. P. Hall (grand-daughter) and Mr. Hall, Mrs. J. Vardy (grand-daughter) and Mr. Vardy, and the Misses D. Watson and M. Greehen. Representatives of the British Legion attended the funeral and also sent a wreath. The interment was in Newport Cemetery. Messrs. H. F. Damp made the arrangements.

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