

Joseph William Rackett

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NEWPORT

Death of Mr. J. W. Rackett.-The death occurred on Saturday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. H. George, Molesworth, Litten-road, Bembridge, of Mr. Joseph William Rackett. The deceased had suffered from asthma for many years, but was only taken seriously ill three days prior to his demise. Death was due to acute bronchitis.

Mr. Rackett had lived at Bembridge for some nine months. He was a native of Newport, and for over 50 years had resided at 36 Crocker-street. In his early days he was a member of the Hants Constabulary, and was afterwards employed by Messrs. King, who formerly carried on business as wholesale fruit merchants in High-street, and later by Messrs. Thomas, Gater, and Bradfield at Arnell's mills.

For many years he worked for the Newport Corporation on the roads, and at the quay and waterworks. He was a member of the P.S.A. and was a regular worshipper at the Congregational Church. He was a keen Conservative in politics. He retired about eight years ago. Deceased was 79 years of age.

The funeral took place at Newport on Wednesday. A service was held in the Congregational Church, conducted by the pastor (the Rev. D. Hendy Davies). The mourners were Mr. W. Rackett (brother), Mrs. T. Hall (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Gouge (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. A. Gouge (grandson), Mrs. Dyer (niece), Mrs. Newnham (step-daughter), Mrs. Short, and Master G. Short. Members of the P.S.A. and several other friends were present. The internment was in Newport Cemetery, and the remains were laid to rest besides those of deceased's wife, who passed away last February. There were several floral tributes. Mr. H. Weaver was the undertaker.

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