

Benjamin Vibert

1911 England, Wales & Scotland Census

Bradley Lodge, Medina Avenue, Newport, Isle of Wight, Hampshire, England

Name	Relationship	Status	Age	Occupation	Birthplace
Benjamin Vibert	Head	Married	76	Grocer	Gunneslake, Cornwall
Sarah Jane Vibert	Wife	Married	73		Chieveley, Berkshire
Maud Mary Pearce	Daughter	Widow	42		Benenden, Kent
Arthur Benjamin Vibert	Son	Single	35		Newport, Isle of Wight
Benjamin Vibert	Son	Single	34	Commercial traveller	Newport, Isle of Wight
Thomas Vibert Pearce	Grandson		11	Schoolboy	Brentford, Middlesex
Benjamin Vibert Pearce	Grandson		9		Brentford, Middlesex
Arthur Vibert Pearce	Grandson		7		Newport, Isle of Wight
Elsie Early	Servant	Single	17		Northwood, Isle of Wight

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NEWPORT

Death of Mr. Vibert.—We deeply regret to record the death of Mr. Benjamin Vibert, J.P., which occurred at his residence, Bradley Lodge, on Tuesday last, at the age of 77. Although the deceased gentleman had been for a considerable period in failing health, he had pursued his ordinary callings up to within a few days of his death, and his familiar presence and friendly greetings in our streets as he proceeded to and from his place of business will be greatly missed. He had been for some forty years a resident of Newport, and in several public capacities he rendered good service to the town.

Soon after he came here he started a Sunday school in Chain Lane, and he carried it on very earnestly for several years. Taking a deep interest in educational matters, he served for some years on the old Newport School Board, and for one term or more he very ably filled the position of chairman of that body. He was a trustee of Newport's oldest educational foundation, the Grammar School, of which his eldest son, Mr. C. D. Vibert, B.A., is the esteemed headmaster. He evidenced his interest in friendly societies by joining, as an honorary member, the Earl Yarborough Lodge of Oddfellows, and he was a trustee of the Newport Soldiers' Home, and the I.W. Savings Bank, and a member of the Newport Burial Board. Some eleven years ago he was appointed on the Commission of the Peace for the borough of Newport.

The son of a Wesleyan minister, he was himself a devoted member and generous supporter of the Wesleyan body, and he was well-known and honoured throughout that great denomination. The Newport and Cowes Circuit had the advantage of his zealous services for several years as circuit steward, and he was a trustee for a number of chapels. The recent meeting here of the Synod of the Portsmouth District of the Wesleyan Methodist Church called forth his warmest interest and enlisted his earnest co-operation, so far as his health permitted, and his home was a centre of kindest hospitality.

In the sphere of business his unswerving uprighteous commanded the respect and admiration of all who came into contact with him, while the estimable qualities which adorned his character in private and social life won for him the sincerest regard of those whose privilege it was to enjoy his personal friendship. He was ever ready to hold out the hand of help where help was needed and deserved, and his

acts of benevolence were always unostentatiously done. By his death Newport loses a good and true citizen. As such he will be pleasantly remembered, and the sincerest sympathy of the whole community will be extended to Mrs. Vibert and her family in the bereavement which has shadowed and saddened their lives.

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FUNERAL OF MR. B. VIBERT, J.P.

The funeral of the late Mr. B. Vibert, J.P., took place on Saturday morning, the interment being preceded by a largely attended service at the Wesleyan Church, conducted by the Rev. George Wood, of Lymington, a former minister and a close friend of the deceased, assisted by the pastor (the Rev. S. Mori). The family mourners were: Messrs. C. D., A. B., and B. Vibert (sons), S. Vibert (brother), A. Ibbetson (son-in-law), and W. Wells (brother-in-law). Messrs. Frank Ibbetson and E. H. Morris (sons-in-law) were unavoidably prevented from attending.

[only family mourners transcribed]

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

On Sunday morning the Rev. George Wood conducted a memorial service at the Wesleyan Church, Newport. At the close of an eloquent discourse on the text "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus", the rev. gentleman asked to be permitted to say a few words about their dear departed friend, the late Mr. Vibert. He said he felt the event so deeply that he could not say a great deal. For nearly 30 years the late Mr. Vibert and himself had been closely allied and attached. Mr. Vibert, as circuit steward, brought him to that circuit and he had been associated with him in many ways ever since. Whilst the loss of their dear friend was an event of sorrow it was also an event of joy and hope. They all deeply sympathised with the bereaved family it was a great sorrow to lose the presence of a loving husband, a cheerful and devoted father, a kind and generous friend, a faithful member of the Christian Church, and a prominent useful citizen of the town in which he lived. All those relationships their dear departed friend sustained. It was a joy to feel that although he had gone from them for the present he had gone to be for ever with the Lord. He often called to mind their mutual prayers and conversations on religious subjects. He could testify to the sincerity of their late friend's faith, to the simplicity of his spiritual life, to the interest he had in and his action of generosity towards their Methodist Church, not simply locally, but as a Connexion. He loved to think of his delight in the public worship of that sanctuary and of his great appreciation of the exposition of sacred truths, and the elevating influence of sacred and sanctifying grace. He rejoiced to feel that that morning, whilst they were worshipping in Pyle-street Chapel, their departed friend had gone to worship in the New Jerusalem and to join the multitude whom no man could number in our Father's House. Thus they sorrowed, but not as those without hope, for they would meet again to be for ever with the Lord. The hymns sung included "Peace, perfect peace", "Now the labourer's task is o'er", "The saints of God, their conflict past", and "Come, let us join our friends above". At the close the congregation remained standing whilst Mr. E. J. H. Quarrier, the organist, played the "Dead march" in Saul.

BOROUGH JUSTICES' TRIBUTE

When the Newport Borough Justices took their seats on Monday the Chairman (Robey F. Eldridge, Esq.) of a full Bench, said that in the unavoidable absence of the Mayor (Ald. F. Templeman Mew, J.P.), which his worship very greatly regretted, it fell to him to announce that the Borough Justices at a private meeting which they had held that morning had passed a resolution in regard to the very sad event which

had come upon them—the loss of Mr. Vibert, which had occurred during the rejoicings for the Coronation—much to their grief. He read the resolution, which had been passed, as follows: “The Newport Borough Justices desire to record their deep sense of the great loss which the Bench has sustained by the death of their colleague, the late Benjamin Vibert, Esq., J.P., and to express to his widow and the members of his family their sincere sympathy and condolence in their sad bereavement”.

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