

Edwin Way

1891 England, Wales & Scotland Census

Curraghmore, Shanklin, Isle of Wight, Hampshire, England

Name	Relationship	Status	Age	Occupation	Birthplace
<i>Edwin Way</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>Corn Merchant</i>	<i>Newport, IOW</i>
Elizabeth M Way	Wife	Married	46		Newport, IOW
Kate M Way	Daughter	Single	24		Newport, IOW
Beatrice Bertram	Niece	Single	15		Averley, Surrey
Lucy Gosden	Servant	Single	27	Cook	Chillerton, IOW
Eliza J Sibbick	Servant		22	Housemaid	Godshill, IOW

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DEATH OF A MR. EDWIN WAY.

In the prime of his life—his years were but 54—Mr. Edwin Way passed to his rest at his residence, Curraghmore, Shanklin, on Tuesday last. With deep regret we announce this removal from our midst of a citizen so active, so useful, and so esteemed, and this regret, we are sure, will be shared by all our readers. The deceased had for some time past been physically deteriorating, and though he occasionally rallied and showed some of his old energy and vigour, it was only too evident to those who were brought into close contact with him that his health was never completely re-established.

The late Mr. Edwin Way was a native of Newport. His father was Mr. Edward Way, whom our older readers will remember as occupying a leading commercial and public position in the town. On succeeding his father's business the son extended it in many ways, branches were opened in other towns, and he became one of the most prosperous, as he was one of the ablest, commercial men in the Isle of Wight. Some years since he relinquished a portion of his business undertakings, but over what may be termed the "merchant" departments he exercised an active supervision to the last.

His father was a member of the Corporation of Newport and was more than once raised to the Mayoral dignity. All the same honours were at the command of the son. Again and again was he invited to enter the Council; again and again was the Mayoralty offered to him; but he uniformly declined to undertake municipal duties.

But he served the community usefully in other ways. Devotedly attached to St. Thomas's Church, Newport, he served the office of churchwarden for several years; he was for a considerable period an active member of the Board of Guardians; as a member of the Island Assessment Committee he rendered especially valuable service; he was a trustee of the Newport Savings Bank; and that excellent charity, the Newport Blue School, had no stauncher friend or more generous benefactor than the late Mr. Edwin Way.

He devoted himself to duties of a similar character after his residential removal to Shanklin. He was a member of the Shanklin Burial Board, of the Shanklin Assessment Committee, of the committee of the Shanklin National Schools, and he acted as deputy for Dr. Dabbs in the churchwardenship of St. Saviour's, Shanklin. But though he had ceased to live in Newport, he never lost his affection for his old native town and he always talked proudly of its traditions, with which few amongst us, if any, were more familiar. Most days saw him there, and the people of Newport, with those of Shanklin, will find it

difficult to realise that he will be seen no more coming in and going out amongst them. He will be missed.

This is not the place to dwell upon what he was in private life, but it is due to his memory to state that while he never made a parade of his good deeds, he was kind and generous whenever a deserving case was brought to his notice, and many a humble home had been brightened by his thoughtful acts of practical benevolence. We are sure we may take upon ourselves, in the name of the whole community, to offer a sincere expression of deepest sympathy with Mrs. and Miss Way and the other relatives of the lamented deceased.

The funeral of the deceased took place yesterday (Friday) afternoon, the first part of the service being conducted by the Rev. A. G. Fryer, at St. Saviour's Church, Shanklin, and the interment taking place at Newport Cemetery.

The chief mourners included Messrs. Frank Way (brother), W. Bertram (brother-in-law), Charles and Fred Way (nephews); Messrs. Frank Dallimore (Newport), Flux (Shanklin), and others. The Shanklin Local Board were represented by Messrs. J. Milman Brown (chairman), G. G. Knighton, J. Bailey, R. T. Blew, W. O. Taylor, F. Cooper, B. J. Wheeler, J. Marsh (clerk), A. J. Potts (surveyor), and J. Lush (inspector); Messrs. F. Rayner, G. H. Matthews, and other members of the Shanklin Burial Board; Messrs. A. Greenham, P. Pionchon, J. Stevenight, C. Prouten (assistant overseer of Shanklin), and others.

The service at Shanklin was choral. Mr. F. G. Baker, the organist, played several appropriate pieces before the service and a funeral dirge at the conclusion. The coffin, which was covered with beautiful floral wreaths, crosses, and other devices, was borne from Shanklin to Newport in an open car, and was preceded by a carriage in which were Drs. Foster, J.P. (Newport), and Fryer (Shanklin), the deceased's medical attendants. As the *cortege* approached Newport the procession was joined by a number of mourners, and by others at the graveside.

The service at the Cemetery was performed by the Rev. A. G. Fryer, assisted by the Vicar of Newport. The coffin was polished oak, with massive brass furniture, and bore the following inscription on the breast plate: — "Edwin Way, born March 25, 1839, died August 8, 1893".

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Francis Cooper and Son, of Shanklin.

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