

## Edward Whitehead

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### NEWPORT

**NEWPORT'S OLDEST TRADESMAN**—passed away on Monday, at Lugley-street, in the person of Mr. Edward Whitehead, aged 88, who had been in business here as a sack and rope merchant for over half a century. A native of Arreton, he was, for many years a valued and faithful public servant of that parish as assistant overseer, and clerk of the Charity Trustees, Vestry, and Parish Council, his duties extending over the old parish until some time after its division into North and South Arreton. He gave up the duties for North Arreton in 1899 and those of South Arreton in 1905. On retiring from the clerkship of the Charity Trustees he was presented with a testimonial. He was thoroughly conversant with the history and ancient customs of the parish, for which he had a strong affection. Mr. Whitehead was highly esteemed by a large circle of friends: The funeral took place yesterday, the first part of the service being at the Wesleyan Church, with which he had been associated for many years, and the interment at Newport Cemetery. The Rev. T. M. Dickenson officiated. The mourners including Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Whitehead and Mr. and Mrs. William Whitehead (sons and daughters-in-law) and Miss Thomas, and among others present were Mr. H. Cawley-Way (chairman of Arreton Parish Council) and Mrs. Cawley-Way, Dr. McKay, Miss Hearn, Miss Orme, Messrs. P. Hollis, James Eldridge, H. A. Williams, B. J. Whitbread, W. Wells, W. Hurst, H. Damp, J. Bevis, A. Elderfield, F. Morgan, T.C., W. H. Wadham (representing the I.W. Assistant Overseers' Association, of which deceased was the first secretary), Wilder (Shanklin), E. A. Kime, and the local Salvation Army officer. The hymn "Eternal Light" was sung, and the "Dead march" in "Saul" was played by Mr. E. J. H. Quarrier. Messrs. F. and H. Damp were the undertakers.

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