

Robert Bird Wilkins

1891 census – Alvington Manor, Carisbrooke

James L Manning	Head	60	Farmer	Topsham Devon
Caroline Manning	Wife	59		Whitwell, Isle of Wight
Robert B Wilkins	Son-in-law	39	Surgeon	Newport, Isle of Wight
Mary Ann Pearce	Visitor	40	Living on own Means	Newport, Isle of Wight
Mary Lindsey	Servant	22	Domestic Servant	Northwood, Isle of Wight

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NEWPORT

DEATH OF DR. R. B. WILKINS. – We record with much regret the death of Mr. R. B. Wilkins, M.R.C.S., which took place, at the age of 39 years, on Friday of last week. The deceased gentleman was the second son of the late Dr. E. P. Wilkins, to whose practice he succeeded on the latter's decease in 1881, carrying it on with considerable success until failing health compelled him to retire from active life between two and three years since, and live in seclusion at Alvington. During this period he has borne with great patience the distressing malady with which he was afflicted, aggravated as it was by his knowledge of the improbability of recovery and the recollection of happier times. Previous to his retirement he was for several years the representative of the parish of St. Nicholas on the Board of Guardians. The funeral took place at Newport Cemetery on Wednesday, the service (in the absence of the Vicar from the Island) being conducted by the Rev. R. R. Farrant. The principal mourners were Mrs. R. B. Wilkins (the deceased's widow), accompanied by their son Bertie and her father and Mrs. J. L. Manning; Miss Wilkins (sister), Dr. Meeres (uncle), of Sandown, and Messrs. H. J. Way and W. T. Way Buckell (executors), with Drs. Foster, J.P., and Coombs (medical attendants). Following the carriages of the above were a number of the Earl Yarborough Lodge of Oddfellows, of which Dr. Wilkins was an active member and a Past Grand officer. ... At the parish church the procession was joined by a number of old personal friends of the deceased, including the Mayor of Newport (Ald. John Lock, J.P.), the Rev. J. W. Elder, Dr. Hutton Castle, Mr. G. A. Brannon, Mr. John Read, Dr. Barr, Mr. J. E. Milligan, Mr. J. Stark, and others, as well as several former employees. At the graveside, at the conclusion of the regular service, the Oddfellows' service was impressively read by Bro. F. B. Meager, lecture-master of the Lodge. The coffin, which was of polished elm, was covered with tributes of affection, composed of lovely blooms, and the brass plate bore the simple inscription "Robert Bird Wilkins, M.R.C.S., died September 23, 1892, aged 39 years." Thus stricken down in early manhood, the death of Dr. Wilkins is mourned by a wide circle of friends, and their deepest sympathy is with the young widow and her family in their great sorrow.

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