

John Kenneth Alderslade

Born 6 April 1843, Carisbrooke, son of John and Mary Ann Alderslade (nee Mary Ann Pibworth), both parents born Portsea according to census returns.

1861 census – 48 High Street, Newport (with parents) Painter

1865 John Kenneth Alderslade married Jane Maria Butler (born Cowes, circa 1845) at Primitive Methodist Chapel, Newport

1871 census – 8 St James Street, Newport Photographer

1881 census – 9 St James Street, Newport Photographer & Picture Framer

1891 census - 45 High Street, Newport, Painter and Plumber

1901 census - 45 High Street, Newport, Painter and Plumber (employer)

1911 census - 45 High Street, Newport, Lead Glass Oil and Colour Merchant and Paper Hangings Factor also Plumber and House Decorator

Died 13 July 1924 at 45 High Street, Newport

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NEWPORT

DEATH OF VETERAN TRADESMAN – The death occurred on Sunday, at the advanced age of 81, of Mr. John Kenneth Alderslade, of High-street, one of the old school of Newport tradesmen, and a life-long resident who was well-known and highly esteemed. The demise of his wife only nine weeks ago was a heavy blow to him in his enfeebled health, and no doubt hastened his end. In the earlier part of his life he was in business as a picture-frame maker, etc., in Lower St. James's-street, and in 1888 he succeeded his late father, Mr. John Alderslade, at High-street, in his well-known business of painter, house-decorator, etc. He also followed his father in his helpful activities at the Primitive Methodist Church, in which, in accordance with family tradition, both he and his wife were always zealous workers and generous supporters, in fact, outside their home and business, work for the welfare of the church of their choice was their all-absorbing interest. The late Mr. Alderslade had been for the greater part of his long membership of that church the devoted superintendent of the Sunday-school, and he was supremely happy in his work among the little ones, whilst as steward of the Newport and Cowes circuit his valued interest and support were extended to churches of this denomination outside the town. On Sunday the new Superintendent Minister (the Rev. A. Clarke) made regretful reference to the loss which the Church had sustained by the death of such a faithful and valued worker and supporters. The funeral took place on Thursday, the first part of the service being conducted at the Primitive Methodist Church, where there was a large congregation. The mourners were Mrs. A.W. Abraham, Mr. Charles Alderslade, Mr. John B. Alderslade, Mrs. F.W. Spanner, and Mr. W.M. Alderslade (daughters and sons), Mr. A.W. Abraham (son-in-law), Mrs. J.B. Alderslade (daughter-in-law), Mr. F.W. Spanner (son-in-law). Miss Annie Alderslade, (niece), Mr. and Mrs. T. Butt (brother-in-law and sister), Messrs. S.W. Layley, A. Russell, W. Smith, and F. White (representing the officials of the Primitive Methodist Church), and Messrs. J. Leal, J. Drudge, A. Thompson, and C. Smith (employees). Those also present included the Mayor (Mr. Quinton), the Rev.

P.H. Bryant, Messrs. L.Jordan, J.P., A. Snellgrove, J.P., F. Midlane, C.C., J.Bevis, G.T. Gubbins, Roy Eldridge, S.C. Wadham, T.C., H. Guy, D.J. Bartlett, and W.H. Dann, and Mesdames Westmore and Dudley. The hymns sung were "O God, our help in ages past," "For ever with the Lord," and "For all the saints." The Rev. R.G. Thomas offered prayer, the Rev. A. Clarke (the pastor) read the lesson, and a sympathetic and glowing tribute to the work and worth of the deceased gentleman was paid by the Rev. J. Packham, the late pastor. He referred to the fact that the connection of Mr. Alderslade and his father with that church went back to the beginning of the denomination locally. There had been long and loving consecration and surrender by the deceased to Christ and His Church. His persistency and consistency had brought praise and honour to God and light and blessing to many a heart. He should always thank God for having been brought into contact with their friend for the last three years. The deceased, a man of simple faith and trust, took a reverential delight in their services. Especially did he delight in the Sabbath school, and large numbers of children had been influenced for good by his loving ministrations. Might the Lord inspire younger hearts to take up his work/ The Organist played the "Dead march" in "Saul" as the body was removed from the church. In addition to wreaths from the family and relatives there were floral tributes from the Primitive Methodist Church, the Primitive Methodist Sunday-school, and the employees. Messrs. Damp were the undertakers. Dr. McKay was prevented from attending by absence from the town, and Ald. C. Steel by another engagement.

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