

**Florence Jessie Austin**

**1911 census 60 Lugley Street, Newport**

Louis James Austin      Head    60    Widower    Caretaker Telephone Office      Ryde, IW  
*Florence Jessie Austin    Dau.    35    Single      Telephone Operator      Clapham*

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**NEWPORT**

**THE FUNERAL** – took place on Wednesday of Miss Florence Jessie Austin, aged 37, well known for the past six years as a courteous and obliging telephone operator at the Newport Post-office Telephone-exchange, who died on Sunday after a short illness. The Rev. H. Edmund Sharpe (vicar) officiated, assisted by the Rev. J. L. Spratt at the service in the Parish-church and at the Cemetery. Floral tributes were sent by her sorrowing father and sisters, Tib and all at Cowes, Bettle and Jack, Perce, all at Ryde, Cousin Ida (Southampton), Roland and Grace (Brighstone), Misses Ethel Nobbs and Beatrice Humphries, Mrs. James George, Mr. and Mrs. Cheek (Palmers Farm), P.O. telephone operators, Southampton Dock Post-office, and a glass-covered wreath from the Isle of Wight P.O. telephone staff.

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