

Henry Thomas Castle

1891 England, Wales & Scotland Census
106 St. James Square, Newport, Isle of Wight, Hampshire

Name	Relationship	Status	Age	Occupation	Birthplace
<i>Henry T. Castle</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>71</i>	<i>Retired medical practitioner</i>	<i>High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire</i>
Eliza J.H. Castle	Wife	Married	62	-	Liverpool, Lancashire
Elizabeth F Castle	Niece-law	Single	32	-	Margate, Kent
Fanny Taylor	Servant	Single	22	Domestic servant	Newport, Isle of Wight

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DEATH OF DR. CASTLE, J.P.

We deeply regret to report that, in spite of all that medical skill and the devoted care of loving friends could do, the illness with which Dr. Castle, J.P., was suddenly seized a fortnight ago terminated fatally on Tuesday morning last. It was a peaceful ending of a long and honoured life. The late Dr. Castle was in many ways a very remarkable man, and his death is a distinct loss to all that is best in the intellectual life of the community. He was greatly skilled in his profession, but his mental activities did not stop there. His range of reading was wide, his classical attainments were of a very high order, and he was ever adding to his rich stores of knowledge. The literary gift was very strong in him, and it will probably surprise many to hear—for he never paraded his attainments—that he possessed the “faculty of verse” to the extent which enabled him many years ago to make a considerable mark in poetry. Some half century since he turned into felicitous verse one of Dicken’s most famous Christmas stories, and in the pages of a well-known periodical it obtained a national circulation, winning for the author, who remained modestly anonymous, much praise and favour. In the earlier part of his career he was a frequent contributor to the *County Press*, his themes being for the most part of a social and sanitary character, and his letters and articles always bore the “hallmark” of courageously independent thought and keen critical acumen. In matters concerning the public health he took the deepest interest, and it would be easy to show that many sanitary reforms which are now established facts were forecasted in his active mind. He was one of the senior Justices of the Peace for the borough of Newport, and so long as health and strength permitted he was a regular attendant at the sittings of the Bench, his wise judgement causing him to be held in high esteem by his magisterial colleagues. He was often asked to enter upon other spheres of public life, but that life, so far as membership of public bodies is concerned, had but small attractions for him. He preferred to serve his generation in other ways. It is not for us here to dwell upon what he was in private life. The late Dr. Castle was in no sense of the word a “surface” man. He required to be known, and those who knew him most intimately felt their esteem for him ever growing with their growing experience of the sterling qualities of his heart. To this humble and all too inadequate tribute to the memory of a good and true citizen and a stanch and steadfast friend we have but to add a sincere expression of sympathy with the members of the bereaved family in the irreparable loss which has befallen them.

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