

Thomas Cooke, Esq., J.P.

1851 census, 8 High Street, Newport

Thomas Cooke	Head	68	Magistrate; Landed Proprietor	Newport, Hampshire
Elizabeth Cooke	Wife	68		Coventry, Warwickshire
Isaac Wadmore	Servant	48		Arreton, Hampshire
Isaac Low	Servant	18		Carisbrooke, Hampshire
Hannah Granger	Servant	54		Brading, Hampshire
Elizabeth Speed	Servant	56		Arreton, Hampshire

Isle of Wight Observer – 6 April 1861

DEATH OF THOMAS COOKE. Esq., J.P. – We have to record the decease of this highly-respected gentleman, which occurred at his residence in the High-street, on Saturday last. For a long time past he has been unable to perform his magisterial duties on account of increasing debility, a debility which rapidly gained upon him, and at last left him a complete wreck at the age of 77. The deceased gentleman was remarkable as a polished, and ready speaker, and for his intellectual attainments, and active deposition. He began life as a liberal, and even voted at the first election of Sir Richard Simeon, as a liberal; but from some cause or other he changed his party, if he did not change his principles, and was ever after numbered amongst the active tories of the borough. For many years he was a Town Councillor, then an Alderman. More than once [*other records suggest just once, 1843*] he was the Mayor of the town, and he singularized his mayoralty by breaking through the ancient practice of going to St. Nicholas Church. in Carisbrooke Castle, to be sworn into office. As a magistrate his decisions were uniformly just and well received, and he descends to the grave, leaving behind him a name which will be respected and by many loved.

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