

Charles and Charlotte Cooper

1891 census, Noahs Ark, Black House, Carisbrooke

<i>Charles Cooper</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>Waterman</i>	<i>Newport, Isle of Wight</i>
Charlotte Cooper	Wife	68		Newport, Isle of Wight
Ernest Read	Son-in-law	31	Iron Moulder	Newport, Isle of Wight
Emily Read	Daughter	24		Newport, Isle of Wight
Agnes Wright	Visitor	35	Capt. in Salvation Army	Churtsey, Surrey

Isle of Wight County Press – 17 March 1900

NEWPORT

DEATH OF A QUAY NOTABILITY. – The Quay district has lost quite an institution by the death on Monday last of Mr. Charles Cooper, the veteran boat proprietor, who had been living at Little London for considerably over half a century. Deceased, who was a very familiar figure in riverside life and who enjoyed the esteem of the many with whom he came into contact, went to sea in early life, but ultimately settled down as a proprietor of hire-boats, &c. at the Quay. For a greater part of his life he had a unique residence, the familiar “Noah’s Ark,” comfortably adapted from a lighter which he moored by the river bank. The peculiarity of this domicile, which no longer floats on the rise of the tide, raised questions as to rating, voter’s qualification and foreshore rights; but these were apparently satisfactorily settled. The funeral of deceased took place on Thursday, when signs of respect were general on the Quay, flags being at half-mast. The first portion of the service was at the Congregational Church, and the interment took place at the Cemetery, the Rev. C.H. Davis officiating. Several hymns, with concertina accompaniment, were sung during the service. The mourners were Messrs. William Henry, Thomas, and Charles Cooper (sons), K. Reed (son-in-law), William and George Cooper (grandsons), Charles Cooper (nephew), Greenham, Wheeler, Tea, W. Lewis, Osborne (Cowes), and T. Russell and G. Redditt (Ryde), of the old Mission Band, and others. The floral tributes on the polished coffin included an anchor from the wife, a wreath from the children, crosses from the grandchildren, “Absent ones in London,” and wreaths from H. Knight and Mrs. Saunders. Mr. W. Flux carried out the funeral arrangements.

1901 census, The Ark, Riverside, Newport

<i>Charlotte Cooper</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>78</i>	<i>own means</i>	<i>Newport, Isle of Wight</i>
Ernest F Read	Son-in-law	41	Iron Moulder	Newport, Isle of Wight
Emily Read	Daughter	34		Newport, Isle of Wight
Charles E Read	Grandson	8		Newport, Isle of Wight
William G Read	Grandson	4		Newport, Isle of Wight
William A Toogood	Grandson	16		Newport, Isle of Wight
Charles E Toogood	Grandson	4		Arreton, Isle of Wight

Isle of Wight County Press – 11 February 1905

DEATHS.

COOPER. – Feb. 6th, at The Ark, Riverside, Newport, Charlotte, widow of the late Charles Cooper, aged 83. – The relatives beg to thank their many friends for their kindness during her long illness and also for kind expressions of sympathy and for flowers sent.

NEWPORT.

DEATH OF A SALVATIONISTS. – The death occurred on Monday last, at the age of 83, of Mrs. Cooper, who had for many years lived at the old riverside dwelling known as “The Ark.” She was a member of the Salvation Army and the funeral on Thursday afternoon was attended by many members of the local corps. Prior to the interment at Newport Cemetery there was a service at the Salvation Army Barracks, conducted by Adj. Scott, assisted by Mrs. Scott. An address was given by Mr. Jeffries, of Cowes. The band headed the procession to the Cemetery, where Bro. W. Rugg gave an address and sang a sacred solo. ...

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