

## James Gibson

### 1891 census, County Police Station, West Street, Ventnor

<i>James Gibson</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>Inspector of Police</i>	<i>Alresford, Hampshire</i>
Emma Gibson	Wife	40		Cosham, Hampshire
William Roberts	Boarder	23	Police Constable	Stawell, Somerset
Charles Ryall	Boarder	22	Police Constable	Henstridge, Somerset

### Isle of Wight County Press 7th November 1896

#### DEATH OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF CONSTABLE.

We regret to announce the death of the Deputy Chief Constable of the Isle of Wight, Superintendent James Gibson, which took place early on Thursday morning at Brompton Hospital. The first news of the serious indisposition of Superintendent Gibson two or three months ago came as a surprise to all, as he had always looked the picture of health, and was remarkable for his fine physique. After partially recovering from a severe illness, he removed to Brompton in order to obtain the benefit of hospital treatment, but consumption which had set in rapidly played havoc with what had been up to his illness a strong constitution and he gradually succumbed to that fell [? foul] disease. The late D.C.C. was a veteran police officer, having joined the force at the age of 21 – 33 years ago – when, a native of Alresford, he became connected with the Hampshire Constabulary. By a conscientious and faithful discharge of his duties he steadily gained promotion, and after the Island was separated from Hampshire he was appointed inspector, finally succeeding Mr. J. Duke as superintendent and deputy chief constable about four years ago. Much sympathy is felt for the widow in her bereavement.

### Isle of Wight County Press 14th November 1896

#### FUNERAL OF THE LATE DEPUTY CHIEF CONSTABLE.

Amid impressive marks of respect and regret the funeral of the late Mr. Superintendent James Gibson, Deputy Chief Constable of the Isle of Wight, took place on Wednesday last, the first part of the ceremony being performed at St. Thomas's Church, Newport. The chief mourners were Mrs. Gibson (widow), Mr. George Gibson (brother), Miss Gibson and Miss Jane Gibson (sisters), and Mr. W. J. Wetherick (Ventnor). There were also present the Chief Constable (Mr. Hastings Lees) and about 40 members of the Island Constabulary; Mr. Superintendent Hinks, with two sergeants and four constables, representing the Ryde Borough Police; Mr. Richard Grant, J.P. representing the county magistrates; Mr. Robey F. Eldridge. J.P., C.C., Mr. W. H. Chatfeild Clarke, C.A., Mr. J. Ruffin Blake, C.C., Dr. Groves, J.P., Ald. John Lock, J.P., Mr W. H. Wooldridge (Clerk to the Isle of Wight County Council), Mr. J. C. Mould, Mr. W. Pearce, Mr. E. Nobbs (assistant clerk to the County Council), Mr. Attwood (representing Mr. John Fardell, Clerk to the County Magistrates), Inspector Walding, R.S.P.C.A., Inspector Marshall, N.S.P.C.C., Mr. Walter Scott (ex-Sergeant Hants Constabulary), and others. On the coffin, which was of polished elm, were some beautiful floral wreaths, and there also rested upon it the cap and belt of the late Deputy Chief. Six constables acted as bearers and the Pall-bearers were inspectors Inspector Ayres, Hale, Matthews and Coleman. Mr. Alex. Scadding presided at the organ and played "O rest in the Lord" pending the arrival of the funeral procession. The body was received at the entrance to the church by the Vicar (the Rev. H.

Edmonds Sharpe) and the Rev. A. F. Creery, the surpliced choir being also present. The hymn “When our heads are bowed with woe” having been sung, the Psalm “I said I will take heed to my ways” was chanted, and the lesson was read by the Vicar. The hymn “For ever with the Lord” was then sung, and the organist played the “Death march” from *Saul*, as the body was borne from the church. The concluding part of the service took place at Newport Cemetery, the Vicar officiating. As we have said, there were a number of beautiful floral mementos.

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