

## Frank King

### 1911 England, Wales & Scotland Census

39 Quay St, Newport, Isle of Wight, Hampshire, England

Name	Relationship	Status	Age	Occupation	Birthplace
<b>Frank King</b>	<b>Head</b>	<b>Married</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>Gas Company Secretary</b>	<b>Carisbrooke, IOW</b>
Elizabeth Emily King	Wife	Married	50		Newport, IOW
Dora Winifred King	Daughter	Single	21		Newport, IOW
Helen Mildrid King	Daughter	Single	19		Newport, IOW
Frances Katherine King	Daughter	Single	17	Drapers Assistant	Newport, IOW
Frank Woodman King	Son		14		Newport, IOW

### Isle of Wight County Press

24 November 1923

#### NEWPORT

**Death of Capt. Frank King, T.D.**—It is with sincere regret that we announce the death, at the residence of his daughter (Mrs. Cairns), at Carleton-gardens, Tufnell-park, London, on Thursday, of Capt. Frank King, T.D., of Fouquett House, Quay-street, secretary of the Newport Gas Co. for 32 years and a well-known and much-esteemed townsman. The Captain, who was in his 70th year, was taken ill some two months ago, but thanks chiefly to careful nursing at home he seemed well on the road to recovery, when, just over a week ago, he left for London on a visit to his daughter in the hope that the change and rest would completely restore his health. On Tuesday, however, he had a sudden relapse, and passed away on Thursday afternoon. There is little doubt that the sad death of his only son a few months ago, whilst on a voyage to India to join his regiment, was a blow from which he never fully recovered. Capt. King was a familiar figure in Newport, helpfully associating himself with the public and social life of the town.. A member of an old Carisbrooke family, he had spent his whole life in the district. As a young man he was a clerk to the late Mr. A. Harbottle Estcourt, solicitor, and subsequently he became a well-known accountant and secretary of the Newport Gas Co. He was particularly interested in the history of the ancient borough and the concerns with which he was professionally connected, as is evidenced by his publication of an interesting brochure about 18 months ago dealing with the foundation and development of the Newport Gas Co., admirably written and arranged, and by his publication, and presentation of a copy which hangs in the Guildhall, of autotype reproductions of the now familiar painting by Eugene Lami depicting the notable historic incident of the Newport maiden, Frances Trattle, presenting a rose to Charles I in St. Thomas's-square. These two actions were typical of his love for the past and his jealous regard for the traditions of his native town.

His military rank and the decoration "T.D." were gained by many years valued service in the Auxiliary Forces. He was one of the earliest members of the Island Volunteers, and was for many years quartermaster of the 8th Hants (Princess Beatrice's) I.W. Rifles. Capt. King was one of the oldest members of the Literary Society, the senior vice-president, and a former secretary of the institution. He was keenly interested in the educational side of its work, and was a regular attendant and helper in connection with the lectures held under the Society's auspices. He was a prominent Freemason, a Past-

Master of the Albany Lodge, 151, and member of the Arch and Crafts degrees, held Provincial rank with all three degrees, and was also a member of the Vectis Lodge (the Lodge of the Vectensian Society in London). His enthusiasm for Masonry led to his becoming a valued contributor of Masonic notes and news to our columns. For several years he did useful service as a member of the Town Council, and for a considerable period, up to the time of his death, he was one of the borough elective auditors. His professional appointments included the secretaryship of the Yar-bridge Co. But the most prominent, and perhaps the best appreciated, of his many activities was his singing. In the prime of life Capt. King possessed a tenor voice of rare sweetness, which he was ever ready to use in the support of any good cause. Until his health failed he was a valued member of the Parish Church choir, an unswerving supporter of the Philharmonic Societies here and in other parts of the Island, and a popular soloist at local concerts. His duets with Mrs. R. G. Hopkins and the late Mr. E. J. Airs are pleasant memories with many Islanders. Very sincere sympathy is felt with Mrs. King and the family in their bereavement. The funeral takes place at the Parish Church on Tuesday at 2 p.m.

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**1 December 1923**

**NEWPORT**

**Funeral of Capt. Frank King, T.D.**—Amid general evidence of regret at the passing of an old and esteemed townsman, and in the presence of a very large gathering representing the numerous public and social organisations of which he had for so many years been helpfully connected, the funeral took place, on Tuesday afternoon, of Capt. Frank King, whose unexpected death in London was reported last week. The nave of the Parish Church, where the first portion of the service was held, was full. The Vicar (Canon Thompson) officiated, assisted by the Rev. W. H. Mackinnon (vicar of St. John's and chaplain of Albany Lodge of Freemasons). The Rev. Dr. Sutton was also present, with a full choir, who thus paid their last tribute of respect to one who had been a chorister of the church for over 20 years. The hymns "My God, my Father", and "Jesu, Lover of my soul" were sung, and Miss Scadding, who presided at the organ, played Beethoven's "Funeral march" at the close. The principal mourners were Mrs. Dudley, Miss King, Mrs. Cairns, and Miss K. King (daughters), Mr. W. Dudley (son-in-law), Master W. Dudley (grandson), Miss Smith (niece), Messrs. J. H. and A. E. King and the Rev. A. G. Woodnutt (cousins), Mr. F. E. Cheek, Major Saril, Lieut.-Col. J. Mackenzie Rogan, C.V.O., Messrs. G. Long and E. O. White, Dr. E. F. Westmore Buckell, and Capt. H. Linington, T.D., and Mrs. Linington. The Newport Gas Co. was represented by Mr. R. Pinnock, J.P. (chairman), and Messrs. A. W. Oke, B.A., C. B. Pinnock, S. W. Ibbotson, and W. C. Black (directors), F. E. Cox (engineer and manager). S. F. Holmes (clerical staff), C. W. Grant (collecting staff), and F. W. Pardy (works foreman), and the majority of the employees in the workshops and manufacturing department also followed. Princess Beatrice's I.W. Rifles, in which the late Captain served so long, were represented by Majors G. Raymond and C. L. Ellery, Capt. Spencer-Smith (adjutant), Capt. and Qr.-Mr. G. Giddens, Capt. C. W. Brannon, M.C. and Lieut. J. H. F. Damp, M.C.; the Literary Society by Messrs. J. B. Alderslade, W. L. Bright, J. C. Millgate, J.P., R. J. Eldridge, H. F. Scott, and Frank Morey (who also represented the I.W. Natural History Society); and the general attendance included the following members of the Albany Lodge of Freemasons; Bros. J. McKeown, W.M., G. H. Arthur, S.W., G. A. Brannon, P.M. (treasurer), H. W. Horan, P.M. (secretary), F. Morgan, P.M., C. Morris Dabell, R. P. Mew, F. E. S. Jackson, H. G. Groundsell, and G. Henley.

*(only principal mourners transcribed).*

The interment followed at Newport Cemetery.

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