

## William Baron Mew

### Hampshire Advertiser – 16 January 1886

On the retirement of Mr. William Baron Mew from the office of alderman of Newport borough, he was presented with an address...

“..beautifully illuminated in gold and colours in Messrs. Waterlow’s well-known artistic style:-

“To William Baron Mew Esq., of Newport, I.W.

“We, the Mayor Aldermen, and Councillors of the Borough of Newport, in the Isle of Wight, tender to you our sincere expression of regret on your retirement from the Council board. Throughout the long period of thirty-four years you have so wisely and faithfully conducted and taken part in the administration of the affairs of this borough, as to impress upon the minds of its inhabitants the highest estimate of your character. We desire to record the high sense and warm appreciation entertained by the burgesses of your eminent services and devoted labours as one of their councillors, aldermen, and chief magistrates. The untiring energy which you displayed, as a member of the Council, in promoting the interests and welfare of the borough, the urbanity and impartiality which you evinced as its chief magistrate, and the benevolence and kindly courtesy which have adorned your life, have won for you the highest respect and esteem of your fellow townsmen, in whose hearts your name and memory will always live.”

(Signed with seal of the borough.)

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#### FUNERAL OF MR. WILLIAM BARON MEW.

The funeral of this gentleman, the announcement of whose death was received throughout the town with deep regret, he having been a prominent figure in the public life of Newport and the Isle of Wight for the past forty years, took place at Newport Cemetery on Saturday amid signs of general mourning, there being upwards of 100 mourners present to pay their last tribute of respect to the deceased, and all the vessels moored off the Town Quay lowered their flags half-mast.

The funeral *cortege* left Polars, Staplers, the residence of the deceased, shortly after 11 o’clock, there being 10 carriages containing the relatives. Beautifully adorned with handsome wreaths and crosses of azaleas, white roses, arum lilies, violets, and maiden-hair ferns and ivy, the gifts of many sorrowing relatives and friends, the coffin of polished elm and massive brass mounts, was borne on a catafalque.

Immediately following the mourning coaches were the employees of the Royal Brewery firm, numbering 100. It may be added that there were tenants from all parts of the Isle of Wight; also from Southampton and Lymington.

It may be stated that, whilst holding Conservative principles, the deceased manifested no bitterness, or stooped to take an advantage of an opponent and never triumphed over any personal discomfiture of rivals. He pursued the labour of his way with quiet, unostentatious bearing, and wherever he could, was always anxious and ready to smooth away difficulties, to remove irritation, and promote peace and concord. This was his characteristic, and it seems to have animated the whole course of his public life and conduct. In social life he was a man whose friendship was of the truest character, as those who were most intimately acquainted with him fully proved. His loss will be felt for many years to come.

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