

**James William George Peirce**

**1911 census, Sunnyside, St Pauls View, Broadlands, Newport**

<i>James Peirce</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>Locomotive Engine Driver</i>	<i>Carisbrooke</i>
Beatrice Peirce	Daughter	24	Assisting At Home	W Cowes, Parish of Northwood
Kathleen Hayward	Grand Daughter	3		Blackwater, Parish of Arreton

*note: Wife, Hannah Priscilla Peirce, recorded with daughter Kate's family at Blackwater Station*

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**NEWPORT.**

**ROYAL TRAIN DRIVER'S DEATH.** – The death took place on Friday of last week of Mr. James W. G. Peirce, of Sunnyside, Broadlands. Deceased, who was a native of Whippingham, was for 41 years in the employ of the I.W. Central Railway Company, for the greater part of the time as an engine driver. Of the highest character, he had the honour of driving the "Osborne" engine, which took the late Queen Victoria from Whippingham to Ventnor, on the only occasion on which her late Majesty travelled by train in the Island. The funeral took place on Tuesday, the first part of the service being at St. Thomas's Church, and the interment at Newport Cemetery, the Rev. C. H. Thompson (vicar) officiating. The mourners were Mrs. Peirce (widow), Mr. and Mrs. J. Peirce (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. G. Peirce (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. G. Hayward (son-in-law and daughter), Miss B. Peirce (daughter), Messrs. Alfred and Arthur Peirce (brothers), and Mrs. Gurd and Mr. H. C. Cross (cousins). A large number of the employees of the Railway Company attended as a mark of the esteem in which the deceased was held. Insp. George Ranger represented the traffic offices. Drivers Kemp, Young, and Marshall and Carpenter Leal acted as bearers, and there were also present Guard Pragnell, Signalmen H. Matthews and E. Landon, Station-masters F. Williams (Mill Hill), F. Newland (Merston), and F. Dew (Horringtonford), and several of the permanent-way staff attended, as also did a good number from the locomotive-sheds and work-shops, the latter being closed to enable the men to attend. There were a number of beautiful wreaths. Mr. J. Moorman carried out the funeral arrangements.

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