

Mary Pittis

1861 census, Quay Street, Newport

Richard Pittis	Head	72	Retired Grocer	Newport, Hampshire
<i>Mary Pittis</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>73</i>		<i>London</i>
Elizabeth Walker	Servant	19	House Servant	Whitwell, Hampshire

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NEWPORT

DEMISE OF MRS. PITTIS, THE FOUNDRESS OF THE WIDOWS' HOME. – In our obituary is recorded the demise of an exemplary mother in the Isle of Wight, Mrs. Pittis, wife of Mr. Richard Pittis, of Quay-street. Full of years and honour she departed this life on Tuesday night, after an illness of a few hours' duration. Deceased, a woman of very superior mind and genial disposition – generous, open, thoroughly unselfish, and unostentations in her intercourse with all – was one of those amiable fellow-passengers in the journey through life with whom one feels quite at home at the first casual meeting. "Large was her bounty, and her soul sincere." Much of her own private fortune was dispensed in support of benevolent institutions – orphan asylums, schools, hospitals, &c. – in other parts of the kingdom as well as those in this locality. About the year 1860 she built "The Widows' Home," a block of six almshouses, near Pan Bridge. In 1862 she endowed "The Home," which is occupied by twelve aged widows, to whom in her lifetime she made a monthly allowance, with extras in the case of sickness. Deceased was the last surviving daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Seymour, of Enfield.

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