## **Edith Read**

## 1901 census, Wheat Sheaf, St Thomas's Square, Newport

Edith Read	Head	69	Hotel Keeper	Whippingham, Isle of Wight
Harry T Read	Son	36	Brewers Clerk	Newport, Isle of Wight
Edith E Read	Daughter	33		Newport, Isle of Wight
Fanny Greenham	Servant	26	Cook	Whippingham, Isle of Wight
William Denness	Servant	25	Boots	Whippingham, Isle of Wight
Lilian A Connolly	Servant	18	Housemaid	Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight
Florence Drudge	Visitor	42	Dressmaker	Freshwater, Isle of Wight
Ada F Savage	Servant	21	Barmaid	Hertford, Hertfordshire
James Russell	Lodger	50	Artist & Teacher of Painting	Bath, Somerset

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## **NEWPORT**

**DEATH OF A WELL-KNOW HOSTESS.** – The death took place on Sunday, at the age of 75, of Mrs. Read, who since 1873 had held the license of the Wheatsheaf Hotel, which has been occupied by the Read family for nearly a century. As the cheery hostess of the old Wheatsheaf, which in addition to its extensive private commercial connection, is the head-quarters of the I.W. Cycling Club and the I.W. Amateur Athletic Club, as well as the old Hand-in-Hand Friendly Society, the deceased was well known in the Island, where she was held in warm esteem. At the meeting of the Hand-in-Hand Society on Monday evening a resolution was passed expressing the members' deep sympathy with the members of the family in their irreparable bereavement, and acknowledging the great kindness and consideration shown the Society at all times during the many years it had enjoyed the hospitality of the late Mrs. Read. This resolution was conveyed to the relatives in a letter signed by the clerks of the Society (Mr. C. Salter, J.P., C.C., and Mr. Frank Cooper). The funeral took place on Thursday, the first part of the service being at the Parish-church and the interment at the Newport Cemetery. The principal mourners were Messrs. G.F. and H.T. Read (sons), H.F. Read (nephew), Mrs. Greenham, Mr. S. Drudge and Miss Drudge (cousins), Messrs. H.G. Groundsell, N.H.T. Mursell, and R. Roche. Amongst those also attending were Mr. C. Salter, J.P., C.C., T.C., Mr. T.S. Buckler, T.C., Mr. J.H. Heal, Mr. Frank Cooper (representing the Hand-in-Hand Friendly Society), Mr. E.J. Wray and Mr. G. Henley (I.W. Cycling Club), Mr. E.O. White (representing the Royal Brewery), Mr. Arthur Wood, Mr. F.H. Sheppard (Ventnor), Mr. T. Bowler, Mr. J.G. Jones, Mr. H. Tullidge, and others. Floral tributes were sent by the following: Her sorrowing children, Cimie[?], George, and Harry, George and Tillie, Edie, Flo, Emily, Minnie, Harry and Nancy, Bessie and Frank, Hubert, Gertie, and the boys, mother, Jean, and Flo Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. F.T. Mew, Mr. C. Manners Clarke, I.W. Licensed Victuallers' Association, Albany Lodge of Freemasons, Ada and Alice, Mr. and Mrs. N.H.T. Mursell, Mr. and Mrs. G.A. Mursell (Southsea), Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Airs, Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Cave, Mrs. J. Locke, F.M., Mr. and Mrs. G. Henley, I.W. Cycling Club, Blanche, C.H. and K. Cave, Mrs. J. George, Mr., Mrs., and Miss Read (Rochester), Mrs. S. Loe (Cowes), and A.A. Lewis. Mr. C. Webb carried out the funeral arrangement.

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