

Joseph Reed

1881 census – Mount Terrace, Whippingham

<i>Joseph Reed</i>	<i>Head Single</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>Engineer, Gas Works</i>	<i>Cumberland</i>
Eliza Cox	Single	38	Housekeeper	Newport, Isle of Wight, Hampshire
William Reed	Son	8		Newport, Isle of Wight, Hampshire

1891 census – 2 Mount Terrace, Whippingham

<i>Joseph Reed</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>76</i>	<i>Engineer, Gas Works</i>	<i>Cumberland</i>
Elizabeth Reed	Wife	38*		Newport, Isle of Wight,
Joseph Reed	Son	29	Gas Meters Inspector	Newport, Isle of Wight
William Reed	Son	18	Apprentice Gas	Newport Isle of Wight

** other records suggest should be at least 48*

5th September 1884, St Paul's Church, Barton,

Marriage of Joseph REED (Bachelor, aged 69) to Eliza Jane COX (Spinster, aged 42)

1862 Birth recorded at Newport – Joseph Henry Read COX

1872 Birth recorded at Newport - William Reed COX

National Probate Calendar 1894

REED Joseph of Newport Isle of Wight gas engineer died 15 May 1894 Probate London 3 July to William Thomas Gubbins bookseller William Henry Reed gas engineer and Edwin George Barnes schoolmaster Effects £2773 2s. (circa. £358k 2019)

Isle of Wight County Press – 19 May 1894

DEATH OF THE MANAGER OF THE NEWPORT GAS WORKS.

We have to record with regret the death on Tuesday last, at the age of 79 years, of Mr. Joseph Reed, the veteran manager of the Newport Gas Works. The deceased gentleman came to the Island some 42 years ago as manager of the gas works at Newport, owned at that time by Sir Augustus Hilary, and he continued to hold his office under that proprietor and his successors, the Newport Gas Company, up to the time of his death, very materially contributing to the success of the undertaking by his skill and assiduity. Taking a deep and practical interest in all mechanical and scientific matters, especially such as had any connection with his profession, the late Mr. Reed was enabled to introduce many valuable improvements at the works under his charge, some of which have been adopted with advantage by the leading gas engineers throughout the county, among whom but for a retiring disposition he might have worthily taken a more prominent place had he so desired. When it was decided to establish the works on the present site near the Town Quay, the whole arrangements were devised and carried out by the able manager, and his were the plans again adopted when with the growth of the business entire reconstruction became necessary. In connection with the reference which has been made to the scientific bent of his mind, it may be of interest to mention that Mr. Reed was one of the earliest students in the application of science to photography, and was certainly one of

the earliest practitioners of the art in the Island, having fitted up a room at his office in the works, which he used as a studio for some years. The deceased leaves a widow and two sons. The funeral takes place at the Newport Cemetery this (Saturday) morning at 10.30.

Isle of Wight OBSERVER - 26 MAY 1894.

The funeral of the late Mr Joseph Reed, for 42 years the manager of the Newport Gas Company, took place at Newport Cemetery on Saturday, in the presence of a numerous gathering of friends and others, who attended to pay a tribute of respect to his memory. The mourners included Messrs. J. Reed and W. H. Reed, sons; Messrs. H and F Cox, brothers-in-law; Messrs. W. Gubbins and E. Barnes, executors; Mr F. Farrand, Ryde Gas Company; Mr F. C. Taylor, Shanklin Gas Company; Mr H. W. Falknerd, Sandown Gas Company; Messrs. T. Hayden, J. Woodnutt and W. Bundy. The Newport Gas Company was represented by Messrs. A Harbottle Estcourt, J.P., (chairman), J. Lock, J.P., H. Mortimer, J.P., Dr. Foster, J.P, and R. Pinnock, J.P., directors; Mr. C. E. Pinnock, auditor; Mr. Frank King, secretary; and Mr. G. Waterworth, collector. The employees at the works joined in the procession, as also did several brethren of the Albany Lodge of Freemasons, including Messrs. J. Kerfoot, N. Armstrong, F. Dallimore, W. Odell, C. Allee, and F. W. B. Waterworth. The vicar, (Rev. Clement Smith, M.A.) officiated.

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