

William Scadding

1891 England, Wales & Scotland Census

West Cowes, Northwood, Isle of Wight, Hampshire, England

Name	Relationship	Status	Age	Occupation	Birthplace
<i>William Scadding</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>Organist</i>	<i>Taunton, Somerset</i>
Caroline J Scadding	Wife	Married	41	Wife of organist	Chertsey, Surrey
Alexander S W Scadding	Son	Single	16	Scholar	Cowes, Isle of Wight
Caroline J M Scadding	Daughter	Single	14	Scholar	Cowes, Isle of Wight
Edith M V Scadding	Daughter	Single	13	Scholar	Cowes, Isle of Wight
George H W Scadding	Son	Single	12	Scholar	Cowes, Isle of Wight
Thomas L Scadding	Son	Single	11	Scholar	Cowes, Isle of Wight
Frank Scadding	Son	Single	10	Scholar	Cowes, Isle of Wight
Gilbert Scadding	Son	Single	9	Scholar	Cowes, Isle of Wight
William Winterton	Grandfather	Single	80	Living on own means	Loughborough, Leicester
Herbert Urry	Servant		36		Ventnor, Isle of Wight

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DEATH OF THE ORGANIST OF NEWPORT PARISH CHURCH

It is with great regret that we announce the death of Mr. William Scadding, for more than a quarter of a century organist of the parish church of Newport. With a constitution weakened by repeated attacks of influenza, he had been in failing health for some months, and his illness, which he had borne with exemplary patience and fortitude, had a fatal termination at his residence in Holyrood-street, Newport, at half-past 7 on Thursday morning last, the end being marked by perfect peace. The late Mr. Scadding was a native of Taunton, and very early in life he developed marked musical talent. He was organist of a church at 14. His first appointment in the Island was at East Cowes, and a little more than 25 years ago, after he had given an exhibition of his brilliant gifts as an executant, he was appointed organist of St. Thomas' Church, Newport, a position which he continued to hold up to the time of his decease. The splendid organ recitals which he gave years ago will be remembered by many of our readers. It was recognised at that time that Mr. Scadding held a prominent place in the front rank of provincial organists, and it may be said with absolute truth that he was excelled by none in the marvelous taste and feeling with which he interpreted sacred airs upon the instrument of which he was such a perfect master. His last appearance in his place at St. Thomas's Church was on the Sunday after the Ascension. It was the Sunday following the deaths of Mr. Gladstone and the late Deputy Governor of the Island, and at the close of the service in the morning he played the "Dead March" in *Saul*, while at the end of the service in the evening he played the *Marche Funebre*, this being his very last performance on the organ at which he had presided so long. He was at the time in a state of great physical prostration, but he rose to the occasion with characteristic courage, and he never played more finely. It may be mentioned here that on this same Sunday the Ascension hymn "Thou art gone up on high" was sung both morning and evening to the grand tune composed by Mr. Scadding himself. He was also a composer of a beautiful chant-service for the *Benedicite* and of several effective settings of the *Kyrie*. On the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee in 1887 he wrote a March which was greatly admired and was played by military and other bands in all parts of the country. He was also the author of an exquisite *Gavotte*, as well as of other compositions, sacred and secular. Death has removed him in the prime of life — he was only 53 — and his departure is lamented by many friends. He leaves a widow and eight children (six sons and two daughters), for whom

the deepest sympathy is felt. Two of his sons are at sea and have yet to learn of the sad loss which has befallen them. The funeral takes place at 2 o'clock next Monday afternoon. The first part of the service will be at St. Thomas's Church and the interment at Newport Cemetery.

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25 June 1898**

**THE LATE MR. WILLIAM SCADDING,
ORGANIST OF NEWPORT PARISH
CHURCH**

In our notice last week of the death of Mr. William Scadding, who for upwards of a quarter of a century held the important position of organist of Newport parish church, it should have been stated that he was for nine years organist at Her Majesty's private chapel at Osborne. To what we then said of his fine "Osborne" march, composed and published on the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee in 1887, it should be added that Her Majesty expressed a very high opinion of the composition, and by the Queen's command the honour was accorded it of a frequent place in Royal programmes in that memorial year.

The funeral took place on Monday last, amid many evidences of sympathy. The chief mourners were the widow, Mr. W. F. C. Scadding and Mr. Alex. S. L. Scadding (sons), Miss Scadding, and Miss Edith Scadding (daughters), Masters Frank and Gilbert Scadding (sons), Mrs. Way and Mrs. Cross, both of London (sisters), and Mr. J. Winterton, of Sittingbourne (brother-in-law). There also followed Mr. Arthur W. Jones, Mr. T. Lee, and Mr. J. C. Hennah. The first part of the burial office was performed at St. Thomas's Church, where the body was received by the Vicar of the parish (the Rev. H. Edmund Sharpe), the Rev. Clement Smith (rector of Whippingham and chaplain to the Queen), the Rev. Miles Atkinson, and the Rev. E. Dennett, with the churchwardens (Messrs. Frank Weeks and H. Tullidge), and the surpliced choir, with the choirmaster (Mr. W. T. Russell). There was a numerous congregation, amongst those present being the Rev. A. H. C. Edlin (curate of Carisbrooke), Mr. Robey F. Eldridge, J.P., C.A. (Registrar of the Archdeaconry of the Isle of Wight and Vice-Chairman of the County Council), Alderman James George, J.P., Dr. Allan Waterworth, Mr. Councillor W. T. James, Mr. Councillor George Long, Mr. Councillor G. F. W. Trenchard, Messrs. G. A. Brannon, A. Gill Martin, A. N. Le Messurier, J. Stanley, C. Hopping, J. H. Greenfield, C. F. Fox, G. Clench, F. Ramsey, John T. Read (organist of Carisbrooke Church), Robert Roche, G. Weeks, J. Woodnutt, J. W. Gould, Frank King, W. J. S. Lewis, W. G. Blackwell, C. E. W. Locke, W. Gee, Frederick Lee, F. Way, C. Horlock Way, C. Willcocks, F. Reeves, A. Snow, and many other including a number of ladies.

The opening sentences were read by the Vicar, the hymn "On the Resurrection morning" was sung, the Psalm "I said I will take heed to my ways" was chanted, the lesson was read by the Rector of Whippingham, and the service in the Church closed with a rendering by the choir of "Blest are the departed", from Spohr's *Last Judgement*. The organ was again silent. It was open and on the desk rested copies of the "Dead march" in *Saul* and of the chant service to the *Benedicite* composed by the late Mr. Scadding, whole on the vacant organ seat was placed a beautiful floral wreath, sent by the choir boys as a last tribute to the memory of their departed friend and organist. Mr. Supt. Hale and Chief Inspector Ayres accompanied the procession from the church to the Newport Cemetery, walking in front, and then came the churchwardens, bearing their official wands, the clergy, and the choir, surpliced, the solo boy carrying the young choiristers' wreath. The Vicar of Newport and the Rector of Whippingham officiated at the last solemn service at the grave, a large number of persons being present in addition to the immediate mourners. After the offering of the final prayer, the hymn "Just as I am" was affectingly sung, and the impressive service concluded with the Benediction, pronounced by the Rector of Whippingham. The coffin bore the inscription—

William Scadding,
Died June 16, 1898,
Aged 53 years.

—After it was lowered into its last resting place some of the relatives cast fragrant flowers upon it. The upper part of the grave looked very bright with its lining of moss, studded with white marguerites, this work having been tastefully carried out by Mrs. Webber, florist, of the High-street, at the request of “a friend”. Mr. Joseph Bevis was the undertaker.

The bells of St. Thomas’s Church, which only some six months ago rang a jubilant peal in celebration of the 25th anniversary of Mr. Scadding’s appointment as organist, on Monday evening rang a muffled peal on the occasion of his death and burial.

Mrs. Scadding has received a letter from Sir Fleetwood Edwards, addressed from Windsor Castle, in which he states that he is commanded by the Queen to give the expression of Her Majesty’s sincere regret upon hearing of the death of Mr. Scadding, who was for some years organist at the private chapel at Osborne.

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