

Alfred George Shepard

1861 Census, Coppins Bridge, Whippingham, Isle of Wight

Alfred Shepard, Head, Married, 1827, Mariner, b Newport
Hannah Shepard, Wife, Married, 1825, b Brigg, Lincolnshire
Alfred G Shepard, Son, 1848, Scholar, b Newport
Edward J Shepard, Son, 1853, Scholar, b Newport
Hannah D Shepard, Daughter, 1856, Scholar, b Newport
Emily Shepard, Daughter, 1858, b Newport
Henry Shepard, Son, 1860, b Newport
Sarah Wray, Sister [-in-law], Unmarried, 1818, b Brigg, Lincolnshire

Alfred Shepard married Mary Snow on 30th November 1870 at St Mary's Church, Carisbrooke.

1871 Census, List of Officers, Crew and Others on Board of the Ship or Vessel named the Vectis

Alfred George Shepard, Married, age 24, Master, b Carisbrook Parish

Edward James Shepard, Unmarried, age 18, Mate, b Carisbrook Parish

(As the Master of the Vectis Alfred Shepard signed the original form to confirm that the information was correct)

1871 Census, Pyle Street, Green Dragon Hotel, Newport, Isle of Wight

Alfred G Shepard, Married, Lodger, Master Mariner, 1848, b Carisbrooke

Mary Shepard, Wife, Lodger, 1842, b Carisbrooke

(Alfred was also registered at his lodgings on the 1871 Census. This was quite common.)

Children of Alfred Shepard and his wife Mary Snow

Mary Ellen Shepard b December quarter 1871

Alfred Edward Shepard b March quarter 1873

Robert Henry Shepard b December quarter 1874 (civil records have 'Sheperd')

Annie Dorothea Shepard b 15th Sept 1876.

(According to the baptism records on Family Search. Annie was born the day her father died.)

Alfred George Shepard died 15th September 1876. Town Quay, Southampton

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Deaths

On the 15th inst., at Southampton, Mr. Alfred George Shepherd, of Newport, master of the smack Vectis, of Newport, aged 29.

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Southampton

SUDDEN DEATH AT THE TOWN QUAY.- An inquiry was held by Mr. E. Coxwell, borough coroner, on Saturday morning at the Castle Hotel, High-street, concerning the death of Alfred Shepard, aged 29 years, whose sudden decease was recorded in Saturday's Advertiser. The jury having viewed the body, Henry Knight deposed that he was mate of the smack Vectis belonging to Messrs. Shepard, brothers, and of which the deceased was master. He was a strong healthy man. On the previous afternoon the Vectis was lying alongside the Town Quay about 5 o'clock, and deceased was engaged in taking in cheese, being in the hold stowing it. Witness was on the deck lowering the cheese down. Suddenly he saw the deceased put down some cheese, and in getting upright he fell on his side. Witness jumped down and called for help. Deceased was alive, but said nothing, breathing about seven times, and then died. Dr. King was sent for, and was there about ten minutes afterwards, and pronounced him quite dead. Had never heard the deceased complain of

pain, but had suffered from a bad cough last winter.-Mr. James William Shepard (of the firm Shepard Bros.) said deceased was his cousin, and in their employ as master of the Vectis. He had always known him as a strong, healthy, young man, and never anything the matter with him beyond a slight cold. He was not aware that any of his family had died suddenly. Witness was on the Quay when deceased fell, and went on board directly, and deceased was then alive but speechless. Before the doctor arrived men bathed the deceased's face with water, holding him in a proper position. Witness heard him give one gasp, and immediately took a cab and went for the doctor. Witness saw deceased about five minutes before this happened, and he was then apparently in good health, doing his work and not complaining.-In answer to Dr. King witness said deceased, after he fell, did not appear to breathe freely, but gasped. He was not short breathed, but generally had a cold in the winter. He had been in their employ for many years-ever since he was a boy-and was of temperate habits. He had had some bread and cheese and beer during the day-Dr. George King deposed to being called to see deceased, and found him in the hold of the Vectis lying on his back, and quite dead. He superficially examined the body, and saw nothing externally which would account for death. He had no question that death resulted from natural causes-disease of the heart or large vessels-but probably aneurism (sic).-A verdict to that effect was returned.

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Newport

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. ALFRED G. SHEPARD.- On Monday the remains of Mr. Alfred G. Shepherd were buried in Newport Cemetery, the Rev. J.W.N. Jacombs officiating. The long train of mourners included many members of the Order of Oddfellows, M.U., of which the deceased was a highly esteemed member.

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