

Charles Simmonds

1891 census, Freemason's Tavern, Newport

<i>Charles Simmonds</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>Publican</i>	<i>Newport, Isle of Wight</i>
Mary Simmonds	Wife	40		Plymouth, Devon
Elizabeth Simmonds	Daughter	18	Barmaid	India
James Simmonds	Son	11	Scholar	Newport, Isle of Wight
Ellen Read	Niece	2		Newport, Isle of Wight

1901 census, 117 St. James Street, Newport

<i>Charles Simmonds</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>Publican</i>	<i>Isle of Wight, Newport</i>
Mary A Simmonds	Wife	51		Devonport, Devon

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NEWPORT

LANDLORD'S SUDDEN DEATH. – The death occurred early on Sunday morning with painful suddenness of Mr. Charles Simmonds, the respected host of the Freemasons' Tavern, who for many years was familiar in the town as the driver of the Bugle bus. Deceased, who was 61 years of age, was a member of the Beatrice Lodge of Buffaloes, having been raised to the honour of "knighthood" of that lodge, and "Sir" Charles, as he was known among his brethren of the order, also had the distinction of having been the Deputy Provincial Grand Primo for the Island. In addition he was a member of the local branch of the Hampshire Friendly and General Society, and much sympathy is felt for the widow and other members of the bereaved family in their sorrow. The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon, the Rev. Miles Atkinson officiating both in the Parish-church and at the graveside in Newport Cemetery. The mourners included the widow, Mr. J. J. Simmonds (son), Mr. H. Simmonds (brother), Mrs. F. Pragnell (daughter), Mr. F. Pragnell (son-in-law), Mrs. J. J. Simmonds (daughter-in-law), Messrs. T., John, and James Simmonds (nephews), Mr. and Mrs. Maguire, and Mr. and Mrs. Kelly. There were also present Primos Reed, Fuller, Lodge, and R. J. Richard, D.P.G.P., of the Buffaloes; Bros. W. Daish, A. Cooper (agent), G. Hoad, and H. Jacobs, of the Hampshire Friendly Society; and Sergt. Ashdown and other military friends of the West Yorkshires at Parkhurst, who were present to pay a last tribute of respect to a "comrade in arms" of days gone by, and they bore floral mementos to the grave. Among the wreaths was one inscribed "A token of esteem and regard from a few sorrowing friends." Mr. W. H. Bullock was the undertaker.

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