

## William Thomas Stephens

### 1891 census - 44 Lugley Street, Newport

<i>William T Stephens</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>Greengrocer</i>	<i>Newport, Isle of Wight</i>
Fanny Stephens	Wife	40		Newport, Isle of Wight
Frederick Stephens	Son	15	Greengrocer Asst.	Newport, Isle of Wight
George Stephens	Brother	32	Mariner	Newport, Isle of Wight
Elizabeth Sullivan	Boarder	65	Laundress	Dover, Kent
Edward White	Boarder	39	Tailor	Yarmouth Isle of Wight

### Isle of Wight Country Press – 27 October 1894

#### NEWPORT.

**SUDDEN DEATH.** – Mr. W. T. Stephens, of Lugley-street, a respected member of the local Buffaloes, of which Order he was a “Knight” and P.G.P., expired suddenly shortly before midnight on Thursday. The funeral will take place to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon, and the hope is expressed that many members of the Order will pay the last tribute of respect to their departed brother by attending the obsequies although no notice has been send out.

### Isle of Wight Country Press – 3 November 1894

#### NEWPORT.

**BUFFALO FUNERAL.** – On Sunday last in the presence of a considerable number of spectators the funeral of the late Mr. William Thomas Stephens, whose sudden death was reported in our last issue, took place at Newport Cemetery. The deceased, who was one of the pioneers of Island Buffaloism, had served all the principal offices of the order including Provincial Grand Primo, and sometime ago received for his able services in advancing the order, the honour of the knighthood of the craft. Some sixty members, in regalia, representing nearly every Island Lodge, attended the obsequies. The Lodges represented included the P.G. Lodge, I.W. District, Battenberg and Beatrice (Newport), Royal Victoria and Prince of Wales (West Cowes), Royal Sovereign (East Cowes), Falcon (Shanklin), Robin Hood (Parkhurst), and Prince Victor (Sandown). Amongst the officers present were “Sir” Robert Holbrooke, P.G.P., “Sir” A. Reeves, “Sir” P. Pionchon, “Sir” C. Simmonds, “Sir” A. Blew, “Sir” T. Harvey, “Sir” Latimer Warren, “Sir” A. Armstrong, Primos R. W. George, T. Abbott, Cross, E. Flux, Prangnell, W. Fuller, C. Street, J. Reed, Jones, Langbourne, Urry, R. Lodge, Lee, Caws, Jonkers, and Gould, and Bros. J. George, J.P., Vincent, J. Durrant, Wavell, T. Howley, and others. The coffin was of polished oak with massive brass mountings, and bore the following inscription. – “William Thomas Stephens, died October 26<sup>th</sup>, 1894, aged 44 years.” The coffin was covered with beautiful wreaths, some of which were sent by the Lodges. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. W. Dyer.

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