

## Benjamin Wallington Tilley

### 1911 England, Wales & Scotland Census

129 The High Street, Newport, Isle of Wight, Hampshire, England

Name	Relationship	Status	Age	Occupation	Birthplace
<i>Benjamin W. Tilley</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>Draper &amp; Costumer</i>	<i>Kingswood, Gloucestershire</i>
Fanny S. Tilley	Wife	Married	62		Newport, IOW
Hubert D. Tilley	Son	Single	26	Clerk	Newport, IOW
Evelyn M. Tilley	Daughter	Single	24		Newport, IOW
Lottie Brown	Servant	Single	18	Domestic servant	Rookley, IOW

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#### Newport

**DEATH of MR. B. W. TILLEY** – Newport loses another old and esteemed citizen by the death of Mr. Benjamin Wallington Tilley, which occurred, at the age of 71, on Sunday evening, at his private residence, Highfields, Castle-road. For some time the deceased's health had shown signs of failing, and he never fully recovered from the shock of a serious operation which he underwent towards the close of last week. The late Mr. Tilley came to the Island about half a century ago, and for many years, up to the period of his decease, he occupied an honourable and prosperous position as one of Newport's leading tradesmen. It may be mentioned here that he was one of the kindest of masters and was held in warm regard by all in his employ. Although never taking a very prominent part in public life, he did some useful work in quiet ways. He was a member of the Newport Burial Board, and he was a trustee of that very excellent and old-established local institution, the Isle of Wight Savings Bank. Years ago he took an active interest in Church matters, and was for a long time a valued member of St. Thomas's choir. He was one of the oldest members of the local brotherhood of Freemasons, and had filled with distinction the office of W. M. of the ancient Albany Lodge. Old Newport oarsmen will remember him as a once familiar figure on the river Medina, and he also identified himself with other kinds of manly sports in his younger years. His removal is sincerely regretted by all who knew him, and their deepest sympathy goes forth to Mrs. Tilley and her family in their bereavement. The funeral took place on Thursday amidst many signs of respect and sympathy. A service was first held at the Parish Church attended by many tradesmen of the town and friends of the deceased. The cortege passed into the church through ranks of deceased's fellow Freemasons, members of the Albany Lodge, who with sprays of acacia in their buttonholes, stood on either side of the doorway. The Vicar (the Rev. H. Edmund Sharpe, M.A.) officiated, and the service was choral. Psalm xc. was chanted, and the hymn "A few more years shall roll" was sung. Mr. Harry Cushing presided at the organ, and played Chopin's "Marche Funebre" as the body was borne from the church. The interment was at Newport Cemetery. The personal mourners were: Messrs. Arthur and Hubert Tilley (sons), Mr. Leonard Jordan, C.C. (son-in-law), Messrs. William Weeks, J. D. Self, W. Lower, and T. Midlane, and the Misses Long, Walden, Dore, and Fox. The young ladies employed at the deceased's drapery establishment followed. The Freemasons present were: Bros. T. A. Brearley, W.M., H. G. Groundsell, S.W., W. L. Bright, J.W., C. T. Alloe, P.M., D. S. Pring, P.M., U. A. Good, G.A. Brannon, P.M., J. Dallimore, J. G. Pinnock, P.M., E. F. Kind, P.M., J. W. S. Stanley, J.P., J. P. Shepard, P.M., H. T. Read, P.M., J. C. Millgate, P.M., E. W. Way, A. G. Bird, E. F. Way, J. Howard Burgess, W. C. Black, A. F. Potts, F. Morgan, L. C. Attrill, (indecipherable) Nobbs, G. H. Horsley, and E. C. Besley. The Newport Burial Board was represented by Ald. R. Bird Cheverton, J.P. (Chairman), and Mr. C. H. Cave, and Messrs. Shepard Bros., Ltd. (of which firm the deceased was a director) by Mr.

Harry Shepard, J.P., and Mr. G. Long. Amongst others present in the church we noticed Ald. W. J. Whittington, J.P., Ald. James Thomas, J.P., Dr. and Mrs. McKay, Mr. G. B. Purkis, J.P., and Miss Purkis, Mrs. And Mrs. Waterworth, Mr. A. W. Drew, Mr. Charles Webb, Mr. W. T. Bright, Mr. C. D. Vibert, B.A., Mr. A. E. Harvey, T.C., Mr. J. H. Dracon, T.C., Mr. C. Smith, Mr. E. H. F. Pays, Mr. James Attrill, Mr. George Self (Shanklin), the Rev. H. M. Liveus, Mr. F. Ureball, Mr. J. H. Heal, Mr. T. Lee, Mr. O. Turner Clark, Mr. H. Damp, Mr. G. H. Duke, Mr. John Way, Mr. A. D. Kelynack, Mr. E. Rexham, Mr. H. Tullidge, Mr. C. H. Mallard, Mr. W. T. Grigg, Miss Chappell, and Miss Orme. At the graveside at Newport Cemetery following the ordinary service the Masonic burial service was read by the Vicar as chaplain of the Albany Lodge. It was a solemn but remarkable coincidence that the late Mr. Tilley should have been the first to be interred in the new portion of the Cemetery, in the provision of which he took much interest.

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