

Hugh Wyeth

1901 England, Wales & Scotland Census

97 High-street, Newport, Isle of Wight, Hampshire, England

Name	Relationship	Status	Age	Occupation	Birthplace
<i>Hugh Wyeth</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>Brewer "Beer & Stout"</i>	<i>Winchester, Hampshire</i>
Amy M Wyeth	Wife	Married	38		Brighton, Sussex
Edith A Aldous	Visito	Single	30		Canonbury, London
Alice M Eyres	Servant	Single	25	Cook Domestic	Dunnford, Wiltshire
Alice M Bull	Servant	Single	23	Housemaid Domestic	Newport, IOW

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DEATH OF MR. HUGH WYETH, OF NEWPORT

With the deepest regret we record the death of Mr. Hugh Wyeth, T.C., of Newport, which took place shortly before midnight on Sunday last, after a comparatively brief illness. The deceased gentleman, who was 43 years of age, was moving about amongst us so recently with his wonted activity and geniality that it seems impossible to believe that he has passed from us. None but his intimate friends knew that for some weeks past he had not been feeling himself in health, for with characteristic optimism he refused to acknowledge that there was anything in his condition to trouble about, and it was not till his serious illness was announced, about a week before his death, that the public knew there was any occasion for alarm. Our columns last week afforded an indication of the serious nature of his illness in the expressions of sincere regret and sympathy, emanating from the Newport Town Council, of which he was one of the most useful, though one of the youngest members, from the Newport Conservative Club, for which he had done so much, and from other bodies. In the churches of the town on Sunday last eloquent testimony was borne to him as a townsman by the fact that, irrespective of denomination, earnest intercession was made for the sparing of so useful a life. But, alas! it was not to be, for as already stated, he passed to his long rest as Sunday was expiring. Pneumonia, with meningitis and other complications, rapidly did their deadly work in spite of all that medical skill and tender nursing could accomplish, and on Monday morning Newportonians and many besides were painfully depressed on learning of the loss of one whose eminently useful life had achieved much for the public weal and was so full of promise for the future.

The deceased gentleman was the only son of the late Mr. Hugh Wyeth, brewer, of Winchester, and he was educated first at the late Mr. Edward Sheppard's school at Wolvesey and then at King's College, London. Selecting the profession of a brewer, he went to Weymouth as a pupil of Messrs. Devenish and Co. and then entered his father's business at Winchester, where he continued until some 14 years ago, when he received the important and responsible appointment of brewer to the eminent firm of Messrs. W. B. Mew, Langton, and Co., Ltd., at the Royal Brewery, Newport. Here he found full scope for the development of the exceptional professional and business qualities which he undoubtedly possessed, and he rapidly forged ahead to the front rank in his profession, whilst his powers of organizing and marked

business abilities generally were equally conspicuous. This remarkable combination of talents soon became evident in the material enhancement of the already high reputation for which the Royal Brewery products have become famed, and his tenure of office witnessed important developments and extensions of the Royal Brewery business.

Loyal and true to those whom he served so well, just and kindly to those working under him, and the perfection of urbanity to all, his loss is deeply deplored by all connected with the Royal Brewery from the highest to the lowest. With the social and public life of Newport and district he was prominently and usefully identified, ever ready to further the best interests of the district and those amongst whom he lived in ways too numerous to be detailed here. Though his connection with municipal life was only of recent date, he had for some years done splendid work as a manager of the National-schools, which position he retained till the end, and to his exemplary devotion and energy was largely due the success achieved in raising the National-schools rebuilding fund, of which he was the ideal hon. treasurer. St. Thomas's Church, where he worshipped, had in him a loyal supporter, as had its different organizations, notably, the late effort for the restoration of the fabric of the Newport Parish-church. His splendid powers of organizing and business capacity spelt success to the various societies, clubs and other organizations and movements which were fortunate enough to secure the advantage of them. In this connection we may mention his valued services to the I.W. County Club, of which he was the treasurer; the leading part in which he took in the founding of the Newport and District Conservative and Unionist Club, which owes so much to its late chairman of committee; his treasurership of the I.W. centre of the St. John Ambulance Association; his active and generous support as a typical sportsman of the various sports clubs in the district; and his invaluable assistance in the promotion of carnivals and similar town functions, and in the arrangement and carrying out of the Coronation celebrations in Newport.

For affording delight to local entertainment goers and for assisting forward any benevolent or deserving object, his marked elocutionary gifts were most willingly and unsparingly devoted, as were his histrionic abilities, with those of his talented wife, on numerous occasions. He was first induced to offer his services for the Town Council in 1904, when he almost achieved success at the first time of asking; and last November the electors made a choice, in the best interests of the town when they returned him to the Council as one of their representatives. Since then he had won the warm regard and appreciation of his colleagues on the Council by his business ability, exemplary devotion to public duty, and unflinching courtesy and bonhomie, and his removal at the beginning of a public career so promising for the future is deeply deplored by his fellow members, a host of other friends, and the public generally, whose deepest sympathy will go out to his widow, his widowed mother, and other relatives in the irreparable loss they have sustained.

From his death till the funeral, the borough flag was flying at half-mast over the Guildhall, and the flags at the Conservative Club, the Liberal Club, and other places in town were also lowered to half-mast. Heartfelt expressions of condolence have gone to the widow from the Corporation and the various clubs and organizations, and from the Conservative Club and the Liberal Club and many private persons. The deceased was a valued platform supporter and worker in the Conservative cause at the General Election, and Col. Hickman Morgan, D.S.C., who is absent from the Island, sent a telegram from Glasgow expressing his great grief at the death of Mr. Wyeth and his regret that he could not possibly reach the Island in time for the funeral.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral of the deceased gentleman took place on Wednesday amid universal manifestations of sorrow and respect from the townspeople. The first part of the service was at the Newport Parish-church, where a large and representative congregation assembled to pay the last tribute to the memory of one so greatly esteemed as was the late Mr. Wyeth. The service in the church, where the deceased had

worshipped since he came to Newport, was choral and was very impressive. Before the arrival of the cortege, Mr. H. Cushing, A.R.C.O., at the organ, played "O rest in the Lord", "Angels, ever bright and fair", and "I know that my Redeemer liveth". The clergy officiating were the Revs. Canon Clement Smith, M.V.O. (chaplain to the King), H. Edmund Sharpe (Vicar of Newport), and Miles Atkinson, and they, with the choir, met the body at the west door and, headed by the churchwardens, Dr. Bowe and Mr. H. Tullidge, carrying their wands of office, preceded it up the nave, the Rev. Miles Atkinson reciting the opening sentences of the Burial Office. The coffin, borne by workmen from the Royal Brewery, was covered with beautiful floral tributes. The personal mourners included the Rev. La Porte Payne (representing the widow), Mr. Frederic T. Brown, Mr. Philip Wells (brothers-in-law), Mr. E. Nuthal (cousin), Mr. George Pointer, Mr. George Wilks, Mr. Thomas Sturton; Mr. Francis T. Mew, J.P., Mr. Walter J. Langton, Mr. Ernest C. Langton (directors of the Royal Brewery), Mr. C. W. Dunlop, Dr. Castle (medical attendant), Messrs. T. R. Tilling (secretary to the Royal Brewery Company), E. F. King, G. M. Spooner, E. M. Savill, H. T. Read, E. O. White. C. J. Atwell, A. A. Lewis (representing the Royal Brewery staff, branch managers, etc).

Then followed the Mayor, Borough Justices, and members, and officials of the Corporation, headed by the police, with Insp. T. Cass. Before them were borne by Town Sergt. Osborn and Mr. E. Matthews the borough maces in crepe. The Mayor (Mr. Henry Shepard) wore his chain of office, with crepe, and with him walked the Deputy Mayor (Mr. H. W. Morey, T.C.), and there was also present Mr. Robey F. Eldridge, J.P., Ald Francis Pittis, J.P., Mr. R. Roach Pittis, J.P., Dr. Groves, J.P., Mr. Robert Bullen, J.P., Ald. R. Bird Cheverton, J.P., Dr. Coombs, J.P., Mr. B. Vibert, J.P., Mr. J. W. Stanley, J.P., Mr. William C. Mew, J.P., Mr. C. Salter, J.P., Ald. W. J. Whittington, J.P., Ald. G. D. Rich, Ald. W. W. Clark, Councillors T. S. Buckler, J. H. Linington, F. E. Witcher, F. Morgan, W. J. Rugg, C. Webb, T. Brown, T. H. Midlane, Leonard Jordan, E. Morris, and A. W. Abraham, and Messrs James Eldridge (Deputy Clerk of the Justices), Coryndon Colling (borough treasurer), F. D. Shields (Town Clerk's deputy), R. H. Walden (borough surveyor), J. W. Way (waterworks superintendent), C. T. Allee, A. Chappell, F. Williams, and J. J. Linington (other town officials).

Then came the members of the Volunteer Fire Brigade, in uniform, under Capt. N. H. T. Mursell, and Messrs. J. R. Hayles (chief officer), Newbery, Hobbs, and King (St. John Ambulance members, in uniform), about 100 employees of all departments of the Royal Brewery, and tenants of the firm, members of the Newport and District Conservative Club, with Mr. William C. Mew, J.P. (president), and Major Mackenzie Edwards (hon. sec.), Mr. H. Nelson Payne and other members of the Newport Liberal Club, and others.

Those also present in the church included Mr. Godfrey Baring, M.P., Rev. W. J. Stobart (vicar of Carisbrooke), Rev. George Southall (Wesleyan), Prof. Milne, Dr. Thompson, Dr. R. Cunyngham Brown, Dr. Gibson, Dr. Underhill, Dr. Foster, Major Henry J. Way, Major de Lisle, Capt. Hills, "Adj't." Scott (Salvation Army), Messrs. Alex Sharp, F. A. Joyce, A. W. Drew, E. J. Gunner, E. Wilson, Seymour Pittis, W. P. Tacon, A. Wood, Percy Mew, W. W. Odell, G. A. Brannon, T. Lee, J. H. Heal, R. Braxton Perres, E. G. Barnes (representing the Newport Cricket Club), E. W. Way, W. Blake (representing the Newport Football Club), G. Long, C. Turner Clark, J. Moorman, C. Fred Fox, R. McMaster, G. H. Yelf, Osborne, C. A. Good, E. F. Wray (I.W. Cycling Club), J. C. Millgate, Sidney Wadham, Percy Shepard, A. E. Cave, T. B. O'Flahertie, H. Eldridge Stratton, H. Margham, Frank King, C. Ratcliffe, Stanley Wadham, J. T. Locke, E. J. Mills, ex-Sergt.-Major Evans (I.W. Rifle Volunteers), C. Eldridge, G. Jones, D. F. Ritchie, S. Knott, A. L. Scadding, J. W. Marshall, H. Norris, J. Killeen, Alex Smith, T. Spanner, E. Hall, A. Saunders, W. Saunders, C. Street, J. Reed, W. Wickens, Sergt.-Major Rampling (I.W. Rifle Volunteers), and many others, including ladies.

The Vicar of Newport read the prayers and the Rev. Canon Clement Smith read the funeral lesson. The hymns sung were "God of the living, in whose eyes" and "How bright these glorious spirits shine", and at the close of the service Chopin's "Marche Funebre" was played by the organist. The interment

took place at the Newport Cemetery, where the Vicar read the committal prayers and the service was concluded by the Rev. Canon Clement Smith. The polished elm coffin bore the following inscription on the brass breast plate:

Hugh Wyeth
Died February 4th, 1906
Aged 43 years.

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