

William Crawford

1901 census, 64 Lugley Street, Newport

William Crawford Head 61 *Caretaker, St. Thomas's Club Forth, Lanark, Scotland*

Alice Crawford Wife 46 Isle of Wight, Newport

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DEATH OF A MILITARY VETERAN. – We have to record the death of ex-Corpl. William Crawford, late of the 79th Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders. Corpl. Crawford joined the Lanark Militia in 1857, the regiment being sent to Dublin. While stationed in Ireland Corpl. Crawford joined the 72nd Seaforth Highlanders, and was sent out to join his regiment in India. He took part in scattering the last of the bands of the Sepoys of the Indian Mutiny, doing a lot of heavy marching in very hot weather. Later he joined the 91st Highlanders and was stationed at Mhow for some years. He then transferred to the 79th Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, returning home with the regiment in 1871 to Parkhurst Barracks. His service in India extended over 16 years. He left the regiment on pension at Maryhill Barracks, Glasgow, in 1879, receiving high testimonials, and he was presented with a service of plate by the officers of the regiment. On leaving Scotland Corpl. Crawford settled for good in Newport, where he was a familiar figure. In former years he often appeared at local entertainments and skilfully executed sword dances and the Highland fling. He was caretaker of St. Thomas's Club for eight years and was also a member of St. Thomas's Bible Class, being one of the most regular attendants. He was greatly respected by all who knew him.

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