

## Cosimo Di Giacca

### 1911 census : 4 South Street, Newport

<i>Cosimo DiJaccia</i>	<i>Head</i>	83	<i>Street Musician</i>	<i>Italy</i>
Philomena DiJaccia	Wife	48	Street Musician	Italy
Louisa DiJaccia	Daughter	17	Street Musician	Newport, Isle of Wight
Antonio Polino	Relative	51	Street Musician	Italy
Theresa Polino	Relative	19	Street Musician	Brighton, Sussex
Joseph Polino	Relative	14	School	Brighton, Sussex
Benjamin Polino	Relative	11	School	Brighton, Sussex

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#### NEWPORT

**FUNERAL OF OLDEST BARREL-ORGAN PLAYER.** – The funeral took place at St. Paul's Cemetery, Barton, on Monday, of Cosimo Di Giacca, aged 84, who claimed to be the first to travel in England with a barrel-organ. He arrived from Italy at Bristol in 1854, and his first organ, which was patronised by the late Queen Victoria, is still in use. It was made by a Clerkenwell firm. The Rev. Father J. J. Ahern, of the local Roman Catholic Church, officiated at the obsequies, which were attended by deceased's widow, two daughters (Mrs. Salero and Mrs. Meakin), and two sons-in-law (Pte. Meakin, Royal Fusiliers, and Driver Salero, R.F.A.). Another son-in-law is at the Front serving in the R.F.A. The mourners also included eight or nine grandchildren and a number of the Italian colony at Newport and elsewhere. The Alien Restriction Act prevented compatriots of deceased on the mainland from being present. There were floral tributes from the widow and family, grandchildren, and other Italians, including the Salero, Farari, Porcelli, and Rossi families. The polished coffin was conveyed to the place of interment in a hearse followed by five carriages, and there was a considerable attendance of the general public. Mr. Oliver Hamilton carried out the funeral arrangements.

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