

Eliza Ann Pragnell

1911 census, 14 Barton Road, Newport

Alfred Ernest Pragnell	Head	54	Hay Cutter	Newport, Isle of Wight
<i>Eliza Ann Pragnell</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>59</i>		<i>Newport, Isle of Wight</i>
Frances Helen Pragnell	Daug	26	Dressmaker	Newport, Isle of Wight
George Mew Pragnell	Son	24	Storeman Beer Bottling Store	Newport, Isle of Wight
Annie Jane Pragnell	Daug	23	General Servant Domestic	Newport, Isle of Wight

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Death of Mrs. E.A. Pragnell. – A life of amazing courage and fortitude in the face of great affliction has been brought to a close by the death at Rose Cottage, Cross-lanes, on Wednesday week of Mrs. Eliza Ann Pragnell, aged 88, widow of Mr. Ernest A. Pragnell. For 50 years the deceased lady had been totally blind, and for the last 17 years of her life she suffered from a painful illness, yet she remained cheerful until the end, always thoughtful for others and never complaining of her own troubles. The affliction of blindness descended upon her while she had still a young family to bring up, yet she faced her task with a determination which few could emulate, and maintained her interest in current affairs until the end of her life. A lady of devout Christian principles, Mrs. Pragnell regularly attended St. Paul's Church while health permitted, being undeterred by the most severe weather, and frequently, when no one was available to accompany her, she walked the quarter of a mile between the church and her home unaided. She followed parish affairs keenly even though she had been unable to go to church in recent years. Two of her sons were killed in the last war, Mr. Henry Pragnell in France and Mr. George Pragnell in Mesopotamia. Her husband died in 1927, and during that year they celebrated the 57th anniversary of their marriage. She comes of a long-lived local family, her sister, Mrs. J. Pither of North Warnborough, Hants, being still hale and hearty at the age of 91. She is survived by two sons and two daughters. The funeral took place on Monday, the Rev. H.G. Kelsey (vicar of St. Paul's), who officiated, paying tribute to the deceased lady's fine Christian example. Mr. L.E. Dore was at the organ, and Mrs. Pragnell's favourite hymns "For ever with the Lord" and "Abide with me" were sung, the service also including the 23rd Psalm. The mourners were Messrs. C.F. and C. Pragnell (sons), Miss A. Pragnell (daughter), Messrs. C. Pragnell and G. Woodmore (brothers-in-law), Mr. H. Pragnell (cousins), and Mrs. K. Woodmore. The interment was at St. Paul's Cemetery. Many floral tributes were received.

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