

## Frederick William Small

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### NEWPORT.

**Sudden Death of Mr. F. W. Small.** – We regret to record the death, which occurred with tragic suddenness in the early hours of Monday morning at 99 High-street of Mr. Frederick William Small, very well known as caretaker at the General Post Office for 27 years. Mr. Small complained of feeling unwell during the night and, in spite of attention by his wife, he suddenly collapsed and died about 5.15 a.m. before a doctor could be called. A post-mortem examination disclosed that death was due to natural causes. A native of Cowes, Mr. Small, who was 67, had spent most of his life in Newport. He served his apprenticeship as a compositor on the former "I.W. Express," with which his father was associated, and afterwards joined the "County Press" composing staff. He was called up in the Territorials at the outbreak of the 1914-18 war and served with the I.W. Rifles in Gallipoli. After the war he and his wife became caretaker and night telephone operator respectively at the Post Office, Mrs. Small held the office for 18 years until the introduction of the automatic exchange. In his early days Mr. Small was a well known footballer, playing for the Newport Vics and Newport Clubs. He was one of the oldest members of the Liberal Club and was chairman of the club committee, on which he had served for many years. A skilful billiards and snooker player, he had won many trophies and had been a regular member of the league team. He was always ready to teach younger and inexperienced members to become exponents with the cue. Mr. Small's well known and popular figure at the Post Office will be greatly missed, and sincere sympathy is extended to the widow and their only daughter in their sad bereavement. The funeral took place on Thursday, the service at St. Paul's Church being conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. G. Kelsey). The mourners were the widow, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Spriggs (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs. M. Collins and the Misses L. and E. Small (sisters), Mr. and Mrs. F. Pullinger, Mr. and Mrs. E. Langdon, Mrs. H. Morey, and Mr. W. Steward (brother-in-law and sisters-in-law), and Mr. and Mrs. G. Hackshaw, Mr. and Mrs. E. Ball, and Messrs. H. and E. Small and J. Steward (nephews and nieces). The Newport Post Office was represented by Mr. W. H. Saunders (head postmaster), the Misses K. Wheeler and A. Jackson, Mrs. Jones, and Messrs. C. J. Guy, H. E. Croucher, A. E. Punch, A. G. Randall, G. W. Embling, E. R. Graham, G. H. Odell, R. M. Edmunds, E. J. Fairweather, F. J. Dinnage, J. Dennis, P. Hayles, G. Wale, E. Hawkins, D. Gough, C. Pardey, and B. M. Barnes. Former members of the Post Office staff attending were Mr. E. H. Williams (late head postmaster), Miss L. Wheeler and Messrs. H. I. Digby, F. W. Martin, W. W. Watson, W. Reynolds, F. W. Cooper, H. J. Jacobs, F. W. Hitchman, D. B. Harris, J. Clark, E. Caplehorn, and F. Coffin. ..

*[only principal mourners transcribed]*

The interment followed at the Cemetery and there were 33 floral tributes. ..

Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son made the arrangements.

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