

## **Amelia Warne**

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### **A Newport Centenarian**

Mrs. Amelia Warne, of 23 Robin Hood Street, Newport, was 100 years old on Saturday. As announced last week Mrs. Warne, apart from failing sight and hearing, enjoys remarkably good health considering her weight of years, and she was able to enter fully into the joyous celebration of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

When a *County Press* representative called during the morning she was sitting in her little parlour receiving, with evident pleasure, the hearty congratulations of relatives and neighbours. On the table was exhibited a handsome birthday cake adorned with 100 fairy candles, this having been appropriately presented to her as the widow of an agricultural worker by Mr. George Snow, J.P., president of the island branch of the National Union of Agricultural Workers. Bouquets of flowers and gifts of fruit and other delicacies came in profusion to brighten Mrs. Warne's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, and there were nearly 50 written messages of congratulation and good wishes, one of the earliest to arrive being the following letter from the Mayor (Mr. J. I. Mitchell, C.C.), who would have made a personal call but for slight indisposition: "I have heard with very great pleasure that to-day is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of your birthday, and I desire to offer you my very hearty congratulations and good wishes. I trust that your birthday will be a very happy one, and that you will enjoy many blessings in the time to come." Another missive which gave the old lady special pleasure was a letter to the effect that another great-great-grand-daughter had been born in London on the previous day, bringing the total of her descendants to 133. She had the joy of having all the surviving members of her family (four daughters and two sons) with her at the birthday tea, as well as representatives of three further generations of the family, and the 'photo published herewith shows her sitting outside her cottage in a group consisting of five generations, the others in the picture being Mrs. Trott (daughter), Mrs. Harbour (grand-daughter), Mrs. E Hobbs (great-grand-daughter), and Master Frederick Hobbs (great-great-grand-son).

As the exciting day wore on Mrs. Warne confessed to feeling tired, but she remained cheerfully joining in the birthday celebrations until the evening. In conversation with our representative she said she could well remember many incidents of her childhood in ancient Newtown. She humorously recalled the fact, when asked to compare the old days to the present, that when she first courted her late husband he was receiving twopence a day for leading a team of oxen at plough, and they were married on 9s. a week, but, added Mrs. Warne, "we managed and were very happy." One of the most pleasing incidents of the day was a visit by the charming little daughter of Dr. Dowdall, who presented Mrs. Warne with a bunch of violets.

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**NEWPORT**

**DEATH OF A CENTENARIAN.** - Mrs. Amelia Warne, of 23 Robin Hood-street, who was congratulated by the King and Queen on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, passed away on Saturday morning. She had been seriously ill for a week. Mrs. Warne was a native of Newtown and her late husband, who died 20 years ago, after they had spent 54 years together, was for most of that time an employee at Newbarn Farm, Calbourne. Mrs. Warne leaves 133 descendents, four daughters, two sons, 41 grandchildren, 77 great-grandchildren, and 9 great-great-grandchildren. She was held in the highest esteem by her many friends in the Barton district, where she has lived since the death of her husband. The funeral took place on Wednesday, the first part of the service being held at St. Paul's Church. The Vicar (the Rev. Miles Atkinson) officiated. The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. C. Warne and Mr. and Mrs. F. Warne (sons and daughters-in-law), Mesdames J. Trott, J. Rolf, and J. Foster (daughters), Mr. and Mrs. A. Cooke (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. W. Downer (son-in-law), Mr. G. Greenen (nephew), Mesdames B. Trott and F. Barnes (grand-daughters), and Mr. E. Trott (grandson). The internment followed at St. Paul's Cemetery. There were a number of choice floral tributes. The family of the late Mrs. Warne wishes to thank Mr. G. Snow and neighbours and friends for floral tributes sent.

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