

## Mary Nunn Harvey

Mary Nunn appears in the Baptism Register of St. Mary's Church, Carisbrooke on 27 September 1835 as 'born to Susanna Goulding, a single woman of New Village' – Susanna Golding appears in the Burial Register of the same church 12 July of the following year aged just 19 years.

The 1841 census has Mary Nunn Goulding, aged 6, in the household of Jane T. Goulding, aged 45 in the New Village (aunt/ Grandmother?).

Obviously Henry William Nunn, who never married, recognised Mary Nunn as his daughter as in 1856, when she married Thomas Harvey at St. Paul's Church, Barton, Henry William Nunn was recorded as her father and Mary's name was recorded as 'Mary Nunn Nunn'.

In 1858 Capt. and Mary Nunn Harvey had a son, Thomas Harvey junior. Sadly, young Thomas died 16 July 1864 at Broadlands and was buried in St. Paul's churchyard.

After Henry William Nunn died in 1876, a local newspaper recorded that his bequests to Thomas and Mary Harvey were:

*'The testator bequeaths to Mrs. Mary Nunn Harvey, the wife of his nephew, Captain Thomas Harvey, £2,000 and all his household furniture and effects, plate, picture, horses, and carriages; to the said Captain Harvey, £2,000.... He devises the manor or lordship of Briddlesford, Isle of Wight, and all the rest of his real estate, and gives the residue of his personal property upon trust to the said Mary Nunn Harvey.'*

### 1891 Census The Cliff, East Cliff Promenade, Shanklin

<b>Mary N Harvey</b>	<b>Head</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>Living on own means</b>	<b>Newport, Isle of Wight</b>
Susanna Chubb	Servant	36		Shrewton, Wiltshire
Mary Chubb	Servant	35		Shrewton, Wiltshire
Kate Eastwood	Servant	25		Chertsey, Surrey
Louisa Prognell	Servant	26		Whippingham, Isle of Wight
Sarah Guy	Servant	28		Merstone, Isle of Wight
Norah Williams	Servant	19		Ryde, Isle of Wight
Marion C Dunne	Visitor	16		Fort George, Scotland

Capt. Thomas Harvey died 1894 at Ryde and was cremated at Woking; a transcription of his inquest and funeral is available on the Ryde Social History Group - <https://rshg.org.uk/graves/mr-thomas-harvey-4/>

### Isle of Wight County Press 16 October 1897

#### DEATH OF MRS. HARVEY.

We record with great regret the death of Mrs. Mary Nunn Harvey, which took place at her residence, The Cliff, Shanklin, on Monday last, at the age of 62. "The deceased lady," writes "G.H.R.D.," "had been for some years in failing health, but up to nearly the last her keen interest in every scheme---agricultural, social, and benevolent---had triumphed over the slow ravages of gathering and growing disease." Under the will of the late Mr. H. W. Nunn, who many years since built up a wonderful industry in Newport, the full history of which has yet to be written, the late Mrs. Harvey came into the possession or the control of great wealth, and her life since that time has been distinguished and illustrated by countless acts of public munificence and private benevolence. It is utterly impossible for us at the present moment to attempt to enumerate these benefactions, but the excellent Home at Broadlands, Newport, and the Home of Rest,

near Shanklin, may be mentioned as practical examples of her kindly and thoughtful generosity. She was never weary of well-doing, and there are many amongst us who will hold her in enduring and grateful remembrance.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at St. Paul's, Barton, Newport, with which the deceased lady was so closely associated. The body had been transferred from Shanklin to Broadlands House, Newport, on the previous evening. There was a full congregation in the church, the central seats of which were reserved for the principal mourners and employes, whilst lady residents at Broadlands House occupied seats in the north aisle. Whilst the congregation assembled Mr. A. Wells at the organ played selections from Boyce's funeral service. The coffin of polished oak, with heavy brass mounts, and covered with beautiful floral mementos, was borne into the church at 2.30 and deposited in front of the lectern, and it was surrounded by numerous other floral tributes. The Vicar (Rev. W. H. Nutter), who read the opening sentences of the burial service, was preceded into the church by the Rev. A. G. Fryer and followed by the Ven. Archdeacon Haigh and the Bishop of Chichester (Dr. Ernest Wilberforce). The chief mourners were Capt. Mervyn Nunn, Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson R. Clarke, Mrs. Stephenson Clarke, Major Boyce, Mr. Molyneux Clarke, Dr. and Mrs. Fryer (Shanklin), Mr. Basil Matveieff, Mr. W. Clarke, and Mr. J. S. Clarke. Amongst others in the church were Mrs. Ernest Wilberforce, Sir Richard Webster, G.C.M.G., Q.C., M.P., the Rev. E. Summers (rural dean and vicar of Brading), the Rev. W. Pettitt (vicar of St. Paul's, Shanklin) with Mr. John Marsh (churchwarden), the Rev. A. F. Creery (Newport), Col. Browne, V.C., J.P., Col. Cuthell, Major Salisbury, Major Pattinson, Major Henry J. Way, Capt. John Seely, Dr. Dabbs, J.P., Messrs. F. Carter, J.P., W. A. Glynn, J.P., W. J. Beckingsale, B. B. Beckingsale, C. J. Dashwood, C. B. Windeler, Frank Way, H. Sheppard, and F. Brading (Wootton), and many others. Representatives of the Shanklin Home of Rest and Broadlands House and the employes at Shanklin and Briddlesford were also present. The Psalm was read by the Rev. A. G. Fryer and the lesson by the Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight. The interment took place in the family vault near the west entrance to the church, the Bishop of Chichester impressively performing the last solemn rites. Before the Benediction was pronounced by his lordship, the touching hymn "Now the labourer's task is o'er" was sung, led by the St. Paul's choir. Mr. Francis Cooper (Shanklin) carried out the funeral arrangements.

A special service to the memory of the late Mrs. Harvey was held at St. Saviour's Church, Shanklin, yesterday afternoon. Funeral hymns were sung, and the service was of a solemn character throughout. The clergymen taking part were the Revs. C. I. Burland (vicar), Prebendary Dumbleton, and F. A. Fisher, the last-named of whom played Chopin's "Funeral march" at the conclusion. A special memorial service is to be held at St. Paul's, Barton, to-morrow (Sunday) evening.

### **England & Wales, National Probate, 1898**

HARVEY Mary Nunn of "the Cliff" Shanklin Isle-of-Wight widow died 11 October 1897 Probate London 25 January to Stephenson Robert Clarke esquire Effects £298073 12s. 2d. (*circa £49.6M 2023*)

#### **Her public munificence included:**

**Orchard Street Almshouse:** In 1874 Captain and Mrs. Harvey, of Broadlands had a house in Orchard street, Newport fitted up as comfortable quarters for three aged widows. (Hampshire Advertiser 1st August 1874)

**Broadlands Home Charity** - was founded and endowed by Mrs. Mary Nunn Harvey in 1880 to provide a training home for servants, and to provide residence and board for forty ladies of limited means. (A History of the County of Hampshire)

**Church at Wootton Common cross roads:** In September 1885 Mrs. Harvey gave a piece of land from the Briddlesford Estate and paid for a new iron church, St Paul's (renamed St Michael and all Angels' Mission Church in 1893 to avoid confusion with St Paul's, Barton), and Sunday School at the Cross Roads near the Woodman's Arms on Wootton Common. The church building was removed when St. Mark's church on Station Road was opened – the burial ground remains today.



**A Home of Rest**, for the Girls' Friendly Society, Winchester Diocesan branch was provided by Mrs. Harvey in 1893, on the cliff edge near Skewbridge, Gatten. (IWCP 27 May 1893) Today the home is occupied by the YMCA.



*Transcription of obituary/funeral by Jeremy Hallam, further research by Tony Barton for the Friends of Newport & Carisbrooke Cemeteries © 2023*

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