

Jessie Maude Gracey

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NEWPORT

Red Cross Superintendent Retires. — After 14 years' service with the British Red Cross as nursing superintendent in the Newport division, Mrs. J. M. Gracey, S.R.N., J.P., is retiring, and a presentation of a Spode condiment and an alarm clock was made to her on Wednesday at the Lecture Hall, Nodehill, in recognition of her excellent work. Miss M. Sanders (commandant) presented the gifts to Mrs. Gracey and spoke of her work for the detachment, and Dr. G. L. Peskett (medical officer, Newport Detachment) also recalled Mrs. Gracey's service. Mrs. Gracey was at one time a nurse at Camp Hill Borstal Institution and previously held a nursing appointment at Holloway. A supper followed and games were held.

Isle of Wight County Press - 18 February 1978

FORMER JP AND WORKER FOR CHARITY

A former magistrate, and well-known worker for local organisations and charities, Mrs. Jessie Maude Gracey has died at the age of 82.

Mrs. Gracey, of Sheringham, St. John's Road, Newport, died on Sunday, the day after her birthday. Born in London, she trained at the Bristol Royal Infirmary, qualifying as a State Registered Nurse.

She went into the prison service, working at Holloway, before moving to the Island to Camp Hill to work as a sister in the hospital.

There she met her husband, and was married in 1938.

Mrs. Gracey was a founder member of the Island branch of the Workers' Education Association, a former member and chairman of the board of managers of Nine Acres School, a founder member of the Inner Wheel on the Island, a former president of the British Red Cross Society, a member of the Board of Management at St. Mary's Hospital, Newport, and was an active worker for several other charities and organisations.

The service at Quay Street Methodist Church on Wednesday, conducted by the Rev. T. R. Hill, was followed by interment at Carisbrooke.

Mourners included Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Ward (brother-in-law and sister), Mr. R. Farrow (brother), Mr. and Mrs. Gullick (nephew and niece), Mr. and Mrs. J. Samuel, Mrs. R. Cross, Mr. and Mrs. C. Aram and Mrs. Peachey.

Among the organisations represented, were the British Red Cross Society, the IW Federation of Women's Institutes, the WEA, the Inner Wheel, the Rotary Club of Newport, the board of Management of Nine Acres School, the prison nursing service, St Mary's and Fairlee Hospitals, and members of Quay Street Methodist Church.

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