

NEWPORT ARGUS July 30<sup>th</sup> 1903 \*

DENNIS. ON July 30<sup>th</sup> AT OVERTON HOUSE, CARDIFF ROAD, JOHN DENNIS,  
VETERINARY SURGEON, AGED 63. FUNERAL SATURDAY LEAVING  
RESIDENCE 2 P.M. NO FLOWERS

ARGUS July 4<sup>th</sup> '03

M<sup>rs</sup> DENNIS & FAMILY DESIRE TO RETURN SINCERE THANKS FOR THE  
NUMEROUS EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY DURING THEIR RECENT  
BEREAVEMENT. OVERTON HOUSE, NEWPORT.

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#### DEATH OF A NEWPORT VETERINARY SURGEON

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DEATH OF M<sup>r</sup> JOHN DENNIS, VETERINARY SURGEON,  
WILL BE RECEIVED WITH REGRET BY THOSE WHO KNEW HIM, EITHER IN  
PROFESSIONAL OR PRIVATE LIFE. THE DECEASED GENTLEMAN WHO WAS 63 YEARS  
OF AGE DIED AT HIS RESIDENCE IN CARDIFF ROAD, NEWPORT EARLY ON THURSDAY  
MORNING. BORN IN 1840 AT BUCKLAND BREWERY (SIC) NR. BIDEFORD, NORTH  
DEVON, M<sup>r</sup> DENNIS WAS EDUCATED AT A LOCAL SCHOOL AND RECEIVED HIS  
FIRST TRAINING WITH HIS FATHER D<sup>r</sup> DENNIS, WHO HAD A LARGE &  
IMPORTANT PRACTICE AT THAT PLACE. HE CAME TO NEWPORT JUST THIRTY YEARS  
AGG, AND PRACTISED AS A VETERINARY SURGEON. THE DECEASED WAS A  
GENTLEMAN OF UNDOUBTED ABILITY AND SOUND JUDGEMENT AND HIS OPINION  
WAS MUCH SOUGHT AFTER. HE HAD A LARGE AND EXTENSIVE CLIENTELE  
AMONG OWNERS OF HORSES & CATTLE. NATURALLY OF A RETIRING  
DISPOSITION, M<sup>r</sup> DENNIS DID NOT TAKE PART IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS, BUT IN HIS  
DEMISE THE TOWN HAS LOST A CITIZEN WHO WAS HIGHLY RESPECTED. M<sup>r</sup> DENNIS  
HAD BEEN IN IMPAIRED HEALTH FOR SOME TIME, BUT HAD ONLY BEEN CONFINED TO HIS  
BED FOR A MONTH PRIOR TO HIS DEATH. HE WAS ATTENDED BY D<sup>r</sup> MELVILLE BREWER. THE  
DECEASED GENTLEMAN LEAVES A WIDOW AND A FAMILY OF EIGHT CHILDREN —  
SIX DAUGHTERS AND TWO SONS ALL OF WHOM ARE UNMARRIED. HE HAS SEVEN  
NIECES STILL LIVING IN CORNWALL. THE FUNERAL HAS BEEN FIXED FOR

SATURDAY NEXT, AT NEWPORT CEMETERY, LEAVING THE HOUSE AT TWO O'CLOCK.

\* BOTH THESE ITEMS ARE IN THE NEWPORT ARGENT ON THE SAME DAY ON WHICH JOHN DENNIS DIED. WAS THE OBITUARY WRITTEN BY THE FAMILY? THE TITLE OF D<sup>R</sup> GIVEN TO JOHN DENNIS' FATHER MUST BE A PURELY HONORARY ONE AS HE PRACTISED AS AN ANIMAL "DOCTOR."

PROBATE DATED SEP<sup>R</sup> 3<sup>RD</sup> 1903 WAS GRANTED FROM THE LINDSAY PROBATE REGISTRY TO M.A. DENNIS THE ESTATE £1191.