

## Horatio Dennett

### 1891 Census, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight

<i>Horatio Dennett</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>Living on own means</i>	<i>Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight</i>
Laura Dennett	Sister	75	Living on own means	Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight
Margaret A Dennett	Sister	73	Living on own means	Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight

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### DEATH OF MR. HORATIO DENNETT.

At the venerable age of 84 Mr. Horatio Dennett, a notable member of one of our old Island families, has been taken from us by death on Sunday last at his residence at Carisbrooke. The deceased gentleman was the son of Mr. Dennett, of Newport, and formerly of Bembridge, the inventor of the celebrated rockets which by their adoption in practically all civilised countries and successful use in the saving of life from shipwreck have given the inventor's name a world-wide reputation. In this great work Mr. Horatio Dennett was his father's valued assistant, several important improvements in their manufacture, which was for many years carried on at Gunville, near Carisbrooke, being due to him, and he was the recipient of several medals and other tokens of appreciation from foreign Governments. In was no doubt to his services in this direction that Mr. Dennett, sen., owed his appointment as custodian of Carisbrooke Castle, where he spent his last days. In addition to his studies in perfecting his father's invention Mr. Horatio Dennett found time for an extensive acquaintance with artistic and scientific subjects. He had a good knowledge of mathematics, considerable mechanical genius, an extensive acquaintance with Island archaeology and later history, which he was able to illustrate with a wealth of stories of men and manners, and he possessed considerable skill with both pen and pencil, of which he occasionally made effective use in satirical verse and caricature, some of the most trenchant political squibs on the Constitutional side being attributable to him. His favourite diversion was boating, and for many years he was a familiar figure on the Medina or its banks.

The funeral took place on Thursday last, the body enclosed in a polished oak coffin, being laid in the family vault in Carisbrooke Churchyard. The ceremony was impressively conducted by the Rev. A. W. Milroy. The mourners present were Capt. Newton Caws, of St. Helens, and Mr. J. H. Cave, of Yarbrisse (cousins), Mr. W. Dudley, Miss Ellen Jolliffe, Miss Emily Buckell, and Miss Hardley, with Dr. Groves (medical attendant). Among others present were Messrs. C. Horlock Way, G. A. Brannon, A. Burt, E. Warren, &c. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. C. Webb and Mr. W. C. Way, and in accordance with the wish of the deceased gentleman's surviving sisters, mourners and bearers wore the heavy crape or silk scarves formerly customary at funerals.

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