

Edwin John Hillier

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ROOKLEY

DEATH OF MR. E. J. HILLIER.--A well-known Island agriculturist passed away on Sunday, after a short illness, in the person of Mr. E. J. Hillier, aged 70, of Little Pidford Farm, who had previously occupied Apes Down, Thorncross, and Rookley Farms. The deceased gentleman was for 25 years church-warden at Carisbrooke Church, and had also been a member of the I.W. Board of Guardians and the Royal I.W. Agricultural Society. He was formerly a member of the Yeomanry. In politics he was a staunch Conservative. The funeral took place at Carisbrooke Cemetery on Thursday afternoon, the Rev. W. H. Warrington, M.A. (vicar of Arreton) officiating, assisted by Mr. G. Clench (lay reader). A service was first held in the Cemetery Chapel, during which the hymns "Peace, perfect peace" and "Sun of my soul" were sung, and the interment took place in the family space in a brick grave, which was lined with evergreens. The Vicar of Arreton read the committal sentences. The family mourners were Mr. and Mrs. W. Hillier, Mr. and Mrs. A. Welstead, Mr. Maurice Hillier, Mr. and Mrs. P. Hillier, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hillier, Mr. and Mrs. E. Hillier, and Mr. T. Ford. Amongst those also present were Messrs. Andrew Morris, H. P. Morris (Billingham), W. Morris (Plaish), F. Morris (Sheepwash), J. P. Harvey (Chale Abbey), Osmond Morris (Newport), William Morris (Great Pan), Robert Lock (Duxmoor), C. H. Brannon (Sheat), R. Woodward, E. W. Way, Stanley Wadham, J. H. Flux (representing Mr. W. J. Bailey, jun., solicitor), G. and R. Brackey, C. Cheverton, Percy Hollis, J. H. Russell (Roslin), H. Hills, and R. Baker Harvey (Newbarn, Calbourne). Messrs. H. and F. Damp, of Newport, carried out the funeral arrangements. The coffin bore the following inscription: "Edwin John Hillier, died November 24th, 1912, in his 71st year." There were to be no flowers, by the wish of the deceased, but two wreaths were sent from Mr. and Mrs. Light, of Croydon, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Butchers. -- Mrs. Hillier and family desire to return sincere thanks for kind inquiries and numerous expressions of sympathy in their bereavement.

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