

## **Henry Hale Morris**

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### **PROMINENT SHEEP BREEDER AND FARMER**

#### **DEATH OF MR. H. H. MORRIS OF CARISBROOKE**

His many friends, particularly those who saw his familiar figure at Newport the previous day, will learn with surprise and regret of the death on Wednesday of Mr. Henry Hale Morris, aged 63, of Froglands Farm, Carisbrooke. Mr. Morris first complained of feeling unwell at breakfast-time on Tuesday, but he carried on in characteristic jovial manner as if nothing was amiss. Later in the day, however, a doctor was called. During the night Mr. Morris's condition deteriorated and he died about 24 hours after the first signs of illness.

Through his death the Island has lost one of its most popular and knowledgeable members of the agricultural community. Mr. Morris was born at Newchurch, the son of a well-known father, Mr. Harry Morris. As a boy he moved with the family to Idlecombe Farm. He started on his own account at Poleclose Farm, Parkhurst, returning to work at Idlecombe on his father's retirement in the early 1920s. He had been at Froglands for the last 12 years, having taken over from his Uncle Michael. It was as a sheep breeder that Mr. Morris was especially noted, and in this respect credit is also due to his son, Roy. Over the years he built up a flock of Dorset Horn breeding ewes which gained the highest of reputations. Successes in I.W. Agricultural Society shows were followed by championship awards at both the Royal Counties Show and the premier Dorset Horn competition, the Dorchester May Fair. As a result of these successes sheep have been sent from Idlecombe and Froglands to many parts of the country and some have been purchased for farms in the Commonwealth. During the war years, when many breeders lost interest in sheep, Mr. Morris persevered and today the wisdom of that decision has proved to be well founded. In addition to the sheep, he has bred award winning Wessex pigs. In the farmhouse at Froglands part of a room has recently been set aside as a trophy corner, with a table laden with cups, including the giant challenge bowl which Mr. Morris was outright winner at the last Royal I.W. Agricultural Show by gaining the most points for the third year in succession.

Typical of his extremely active life is the fact that his favourite relaxation was coursing, for which he owned his own hounds. In his early days he rode with the I.W. Hunt and had been one of its supporters ever since. He was for many years a member of the Royal I.W. Agricultural Society and the National Farmers' Union, and in 1952 was honoured with the presidency of the Dorset Horn Sheep Breeders' Association. Of generous nature and friendly disposition, he frequently gave pigs to organisations as skittle prizes, a gesture for which the Parish Church fete and the Carisbrooke Cottage Garden Society have annually benefitted.

Mr. Morris is survived by his wife, the former Miss Lottie Brown, whom he married in 1917, and by his three sons, of whom the eldest, David, farms at White Lane, Bowcombe, and the second Allan, who is at Veres Farm, Gatcombe. The funeral takes place to-day at St. Mary's Church. Carisbrooke, at 3.15 p.m.

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**FUNERAL OF MR. H. H. MORRIS. OF CARISBROOKE.**

The funeral took place on Saturday, at St. Mary's Church, of Mr. Henry Hale Morris, of Froglands Farm, Carisbrooke, aged 63 whose death occurred the previous Wednesday. The service was conducted by the vicar (the Rev. J. Souttar), and the hymns "Glorious things of Thee are spoken" and "Abide with me" were accompanied by Mr. E. H. Abraham (organist).

The family mourners were Mrs. Morris (widow), Mr. and Mrs. D. L., Mr. and Mrs. A. H., and Mr. H. R. Morris (sons and daughters-in-law), Mr. H. Brown (brother-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. J. Brown and Mrs. C. Burt (nephew and nieces), Messrs. J. and B. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. A. Phillips, and the Misses M. Brown and M. Morris (cousins), and Messrs. J. Kitcher, W. Drudge, W. Fooks (also representing the Dorset Horn Sheep Breeders Association), A. Fooks, J. M. Lentall and A. E. Crawford. Among others present were representatives of the National Farmers' Union and the Royal I.W. Agricultural Society. The interment was at Carisbrooke Cemetery. Messrs. H. and F. Damp made the arrangements.

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