

James Flux

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Death of Well-known Farmer.

MR. JAMES FLUX OF BIRCHMORE.

Mr. James Flux, late of Birchmore Farm, Blackwater, a prominent and much esteemed member of the Island agricultural community, passed away at his residence at Godshill on Thursday week at the age of 82, after a long illness. A member of an old Island family of agriculturists he farmed at Thorness and then at Birchmore over a period of about half a century and his four sons are following the family tradition. Mr. Flux was skilled in all branches of his calling, but he was particularly interested in shire horses and proud of his teams, which won numerous prizes at the Royal I.W. Agricultural Show and Capt. Peter Macdonald's cup at the R.S.P.C.A. horse parade at Newport in 1924. Mr. Flux retired from Birchmore two years ago, after pluckily carrying on his business for 13 years under the great handicap of having lost his right leg in a threshing machine accident.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, when his body was laid to rest in Carisbrooke Cemetery by the side of his wife, who died 18 years ago. The chief mourners were Messrs. R.J., O.W., A.E., and R.M. Flux (sons), Mesdames A. Buckett, W. Pragnell, J. Gange, and A. Smith (daughters), Mesdames R.J., A.E., and R.M. Flux (daughters-in-law), Messrs. J. Flux, S. and R. Buckett, A. and C. Gange, and H. Strickland (grandsons), Mrs. H. Buckett and the Misses O. Buckett and C. Strickland (grand-daughters), Miss R. Flux (sister), Mr. M. Flux (cousin), and Miss D. Mustchin. Those also present included Mr. T. Alexander (chairman of the Farmers' Union), Mr. and Mrs. J. Alexander, Messrs. R. B. Cheverton, E. Warder, F. Mew, A. Elderfield, Harry and Hilton Drudge, Scott Blake, and F. Attrill (Ford), and Mr. and Mrs. A. Symmons. There were over 30 beautiful floral tributes. Miss Flux and Mrs. Strickland (daughters) and Miss I. Flux (grand-daughter) were unable to attend. Mr. A. Westmore carried out the arrangements. – The family wish to thank Dr. Barker, Dr. Straton, Nurse Stanley, and Nurse Griffiths, and all who sent messages of sympathy and beautiful floral tributes.

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