

James Fancy

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THE DEATH—occurred on Thursday last at the age of 88 years of Mr. James Fancy, who was in many ways a very remarkable man. A working mason by trade, the deceased passed the greater part of his life at Ventnor and then removed to Newport, where for about 30 years, until incapacitated by age, he was a valued employé in the building business of Mr. William Way. Actuated by deep religious feelings and possessed of a robust intelligence and splendid memory he early applied himself diligently to the study of the Bible, which he knew almost by heart, and was extensively acquainted with the works of many writers on religious subjects. But he by no means neglected secular subjects, of which he was a voracious reader, and he was an unquestioned authority among his mates and a wide circle of acquaintances on historical, geographical, and many scientific matters, in connection with which he was ever ready to express his views with considerable confidence. His funeral will take place on Sunday next in the Friends' Burial Ground at Hunnyhill, where his wife, who under her maiden name of Ann Gubbins was one of the pioneers of the Bible Christians in the Island, was laid some 15 years ago.

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