

## William Denham

### 1891 England, Wales & Scotland Census

Carisbrooke Road, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight, Hampshire, England

Name	Relationship	Status	Age	Occupation	Birthplace
William Denham	Head	Single	64	Corn Merchant	Isle of Wight

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### CARISBROOKE

**Death of Mr. William Denham.**—General regret was occasioned on Saturday when it became known that Mr. William Denham, an old and much-esteemed resident and tradesman, had died suddenly during the previous night at his home, Cedron House, Carisbrooke-road. The deceased gentleman retired from his place of business in the village, where his genial presence had been familiar for so long, to his residence, and after having tea he retired to his sitting-room. Later in the evening his housekeeper, Mrs. Coulnutt, on entering the room, was shocked to find him dead, he having passed peacefully away in his arm-chair whilst reading.

The deceased gentleman, who had reached the age of 74, had latterly complained of failing health, though he still kept about and did not consult a medical man. Dr. Thompson was called in after death and under the circumstances the Coroner did not consider an inquest necessary, as being conjectured that a fit or heart failure accounted for death.

The late Mr. Denham for many years had manifested a keen interest in parochial matters and since the creation of Parish Councils he had served his parish well as member of the local Council, of which he had been chairman. He was a firm believer in Parish Council administration and a diligent student of the Act setting forth the Council's powers, which he often urged to have a wider application than many are inclined to believe.

He had also been long and carefully identified with the work of the Burial Board, being chairman of the Joint Burial Committee at the time of his death, and one of his last important public duties was connected with the commemoration by the Lord Bishop of Winchester of the new portion of Carisbrooke Cemetery. In politics the deceased gentleman was a warm supporter of the Liberal party. His genial and kindly disposition and other qualities had won for him many friends, who held him in high esteem, and his familiar figure at the old corn and meal shop on the steps opposite the church will be much missed by those passing through the historic village.

The funeral took place at Carisbrooke Cemetery on Thursday afternoon the Rev. Thomas Overton (Wesleyan) impressively officiating. The chief mourners present were Mr. W. B. Denham (cousin), of Ryde, Mr. C. Osborn, Mr. E. F. Wray, and Mrs. Coulnutt (deceased's housekeeper). Several members of the Carisbrooke Parish Council attended, including the Chairman (Mr. K. Clark) and Messrs. T. Woodford, G. Reynolds, J. Cooley, and H. Russell, with the Clerk (Mr. W. H. Wadham). The members of the Newport and Carisbrooke Joint Burial Committee present were Messrs. K. Clark and H. Russell. The coffin was of polished elm with brass furniture and on the breast plate was inscribed: "William Denham, died December 21st, 1900, aged 74 years". There were two wreaths, one from W. H. Denham (Ryde) and the other from Mrs. Coulnutt. Messrs. R. and F. Damp were the undertakers.

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