

## William Denness

### 1891 census, Appley Villa, Watergate Road, Carisbrooke

<b>William Denness</b>	<b>Head</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>Retired from Business</b>	<b>Newchurch, I.W.</b>
Mary Denness	Wife	70		Carisbrooke, I.W.
Emma Wheeler	Servant	30	General Servant	Brading, I.W.
Dorcas Squibb	Servant	18	General Servant	Rookley, I.W.

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#### DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM DENNESS.

We have to record the death of Mr. William Denness, which took place at his residence, Watergate-road, Newport, on Tuesday, at the age of 73. Years ago the deceased was well known in the Island as one of the road contractors under the I.W. Highway Commissioners. He had been for many years, after leaving Rookley, a resident of Newport, and he was for some time a member of the Corporation, his practical knowledge proving oftentimes of much service to that body and the town. Politically he was an ardent and consistent Liberal; religiously he was a zealous and generous Bible Christian. In many ways was the religious body with which he was identified indebted to his liberality, and years ago, when his health and strength permitted, he did good work as a local preacher. The funeral of the respected deceased took place yeaterday (Friday) afternoon at Carisbrooke Cemetery in the presence of a large number of relations and friends. The relations included the Rev. J. and Mrs. Shilson and Masters Shilson (2), Mrs. F. Attrill (sister) and Mr. F. Attrill, Mr. Daniel Denness (uncle), and a large number of deceased's nephews and nieces, whilst amongst other mourners were the Rev. Reginald Cooper, Dr. Barr, Mr. Ald. Lock, J.P., Mr. R. Bullen, J.P., Messrs. W. J. Bailey, jun., E. Dabell, F. Fleming, J. Hayden, C.C., E. Morgan, H. Greengrass, H. Spencer (Cowes), J. Squibb, C. Salter, and many others. The Mayor of Newport (Mr. Francis Pittis J.P.) was unable to be present owing to enforced absence from the Island. The Rev. W. Rowe, retired Bible Christian minister, read the first part of the service in the Cemetery sanctuary, and the Rev. J. Woolcock (Sandown) offered an impressive prayer in which he thanked God for the deceased's integrity of life, his moral excellence, his devotion to what he considered to be true and noble, his association with all those things growing out of the wonderful Gospel of Christ for the uplifting of humanity and purifying of society, and his earnest devotion to Church work generally. The Rev. W. B. Lark concluded the salmon rites at the graveside. The coffin, which bore floral tributes of respect, and was of polished elm, had on the brass breast-plate the inscription: "William Denness, died February 21<sup>st</sup>, 1893, aged 73 years." Messrs. H. and F. Damp were the undertakers. The utmost (?) sympathy is felt for the bereaved by the large circle of friends by whom the deceased was known and highly esteemed.

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