

George Henry Downer

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CARISBROOKE.

Death of Mr. G. H. Downer.----The village lost one of its oldest residents on Sunday by the death at his home, 2 Roman Villa Cottages, Clatterford Road, of Mr. George Henry Downer. Mr. Downer was looking forward to his 89th birthday, which would have been next month, and at the recent gala day he presented a bouquet to Mrs. Webb (wife of the retired postmaster). He was born in the road in which he lived and had spent most of his life in the village. Starting work with a local blacksmith, he was later employed by another blacksmith at Blackgang. After doing farm work at Froglands for a short time, he enlisted in the Army, serving in India and Burma. For service in the Burmese campaign from 1887 to 1889 he received a medal. After discharge from the Army he was employed at the Brewery for about eight years and then in another job on the mainland at Chichester. He returned to the Island in 1912 and had been resident at Clatterford Road ever since. He leaves a widow, one son, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He was a member of the British Legion from shortly after its formation.

The funeral was at Carisbrooke Cemetery on Wednesday, the Rev. J. L. Stafford officiating. The mourners were Mrs. A. E. Downer (widow), Mr. F. Downer (son), Mr. A. E. Downer (brother), Mrs. C. Eason (sister-in-law), Mr. E. Downer (grandson), and Mr. W. Eason.

The arrangements were made by Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son.

Mrs. Downer and family thank Drs. Peskett and Sylvester for their kind attention, also relatives and friends for messages of sympathy. Please accept this as the only acknowledgment.

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