

THOMAS JOHN FORD

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FORMER WELL KNOWN FARMER'S DEATH. - Members of the agricultural community, by whom he was held in high esteem, will regret to learn of the death of Mr. Thomas John Ford, who died at Manor Farm, Lenborough, Buckinghamshire on Thursday week. Mr. Ford, who had reached the great age of 87, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Ford, of Whitecroft and Whitcombe Farms, which he himself afterwards farmed until 1914, when he left the Island. He took a prominent part in island agricultural affairs and was an enthusiastic supporter of the Royal I.W. Agricultural Society. After leaving for the mainland, he farmed in several places, and had been residing with his son and daughter-in-law (Mr. and Mrs. John Ford) at Lenborough for about 12 months. He leaves a widow, two sons, and three daughters.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, the service at Carisbrooke Cemetery being conducted by the Rev. D. S. McKenzie (vicar). The mourners were Mrs. Ford (widow), Messrs. J. and B. Ford (sons), Mesdames J. Martin and A. Phillips (daughters), Mrs. B. Ford (daughter-in-law), Messrs. J. Martin, A. Phillips, and F. Cooper (sons-in-law, the last-names representing Mrs. Cooper), Messrs. W. and H. A. Hillier and A. G. Wellstead (brothers-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Morris, Mrs. C. H. Morris, and Messrs. H. Brown, A. J. Hayles, and A. I. Wellstead (nephews and nieces), Mr. and Mrs. F. Weeks, Mesdames A. Rashley and D. Biles (representing her husband) and Mr. W. Holden. Messrs. A. A. and R. J. Westmore, of Blackwater, made the arrangements.

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