

Herbert George Peachey

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DEATH OF FORMER COUNTY TREASURER

Mr. H. G. Peachey's Fine Record of Service

His many friends, made during a long period of able and courteous public service, will learn with much regret of the death of Mr. Herbert George Peachey, of Ranikhet, Whitepit Lane, Newport, which occurred on Thursday at the age of 62. For 40 years Mr. Peachey was in the service of the County Council, rising from the position of junior clerk to county treasurer. He retired on March 31st, when presentations were made to him on behalf of the whole of the County Hall staff. He had been seriously ill since June. Much sympathy is felt with his invalid widow and son.

Mr. Peachey was appointed county treasurer and local taxation officer in 1942, treasurer of the I.W. Rivers Catchment Board (now the River Board) in 1944, and was also treasurer of the I.W. Licensing Compensation authority. He was a son of a Rifle Brigade bandmaster (the late Mr. W. D. Peachey) and was born at Ranikhet, India, later living in Singapore.

He came to the Island when he was 8 years old, his father being then stationed at Albany Barracks. He first worked in a solicitor's office and then became a junior clerk in the County Council offices, when he was selected by Mr. M. T. Hughes (the county accountant) to work in the treasurer's department.

During the first world war he served with Princess Beatrice's Isle of Wight Rifles throughout the campaigns at Suvla Bay and in Palestine, first as orderly room sergeant and then as regimental quartermaster sergeant, and was mentioned in dispatches.

He was the Worshipful Master of the Sandown Lodge of Freemasons and a member of the Albany Mark Lodge, Newport. In his youth Mr. Peachey was a keen sportsman. In addition to playing for the N.A.L.G.O. team he was joint secretary for a time of the Newport Football Club, of which he was a vice-president. He was also a founder-member of the Newport Victoria Sports Club and played cricket for Newport.

Mr. Peachey was the guest of honour at the last annual dinner of the National Association of Local Government Officers, when the Clerk of the County Council (Mr. L. H. Baines), referring to his impending retirement, said that treasurers and accountants were regarded generally as sub-human, or inhuman. That could never be said of Mr. Peachey. He had played cricket and football in the treasurer's department and darts and billiards. He had been a loyal colleague and a wise and helpful chief of department.

The funeral is to be at Carisbrooke Church on Tuesday at 3 p.m.

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FORMER COUNTY TREASURER'S FUNERAL

The Late Mr H. G. Peachey

His wide interest in the activities of the Island and his many years of public service were demonstrated at the funeral of Mr. H. G. Peachey, of Ranikhet, Whitepit Land, Newport, on Tuesday, when mourners from many parts of the Island filled St. Mary's Church, Carisbrooke.

More than 100 Freemasons lined the route as the coffin was borne into church, preceded by the Archdeacon of the Island, the Ven. A. Cory (Provincial Grand Chaplain) and by the Vicar of Carisbrooke (the Rev. D. S. McKenzie). The service, which included the 23rd Psalm and the hymns "Abide with me" and "The day Thou gavest", was conducted by the vicar, Mr. E. H. Abraham played the organ, and the Archdeacon read the lesson. The Archdeacon also spoke of the life of Mr. Peachey, and said that the large attendance of his family, his friends, and his business associates through his long public career, spoke eloquently of the love and respect he commanded in the Island.

There was also a large number of the masonic community, who had been proud to call themselves his brethren. At the time of his death, Mr. Peachey was a reigning master in his Lodge, and as such it would have been his duty to read to the brethren certain words on the passing of a brother. These words the Archdeacon himself read, hoping that the Freemasons would hear through them the voice of their Reigning Master. The service concluded with the singing of the Freemason's closing ode.

The family mourners were Mr. C. Peachey (son), Mrs. M. Colquhoun (sister), Mesdames F. Cheverton and M. Groves (sisters-in-law), Messrs. F. Print and B. Rayment, R. and N. Peachey, F. Print, A. Cheverton, W. Barton, B. Woods, Mr. and Mrs. J. King, Mesdames K. Hammond, J. Williams, and Miss N. Everard (nephews and nieces), Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Miller, Messrs. A. J. A. Harris, F. C. Short, W. Till, S. G. Sibbeck, C. Harvey, G. Biggs, and S. Atkinson. The widow was unable to attend because of ill-health.

[only family mourners transcribed]

The funeral arrangements were made by Messrs. H. and F. Damp.

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