

## Frank Thomas Rees

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### NEWPORT

**Blacksmith's Death.** - The death occurred suddenly on Saturday at 4 West-street, the residence of his son-in-law and daughter, of Mr. Frank Thomas Rees, aged 75, who had been in business as a general smith for over 50 years. Mr. Rees was a native of Cowes, but had resided locally for some half a century. He was apprenticed to Chevertons, of Newport, and about 20 years ago set up in business in Town-lane, and latterly in Commercial-road. Deceased was a very enthusiastic Buffalo, having belonged to the Sir Edward Riley Lodge, of which he was treasurer, for 14 years. During early days as a blacksmith, before the introduction of motor-cars, he helped to build carriages and landaus for very prominent people, including Queen Victoria when at Osborne House. He specialized in scroll and fancy ironwork and was very skilful at it. He leaves a son and daughter. His death was reported to the Coroner, but after a post-mortem examination had been made it was decided that no inquest was necessary. The funeral took place on Thursday, the service in St. John's Church being conducted by the Rev. H. Ewbank, R.D., where members of the Sir Edward Riley Lodge of Buffaloes formed the "missing link." The mourners were Messrs. F. Rees (son), V. Buckett (son-in-law), J. Rees (brother), W. Dunford (brother-in-law), O. Brett and A. Rees (nephews), and Mesdames V. Buckett (daughter), J. Rees (sister-in-law), and A. Downer (niece). Others present were Messrs. A. E. Buckett and W. Woodford, Mesdames W. Melhuish and A. Cassell, and the Misses E. Melhuish and B. Bucket. Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son made the arrangements.

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