

## Charles Smith

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**The Late Mr. C. Smith.**-----An esteemed resident, who had a fine record of service with H. M. Office of Works, passed away after a short illness at his residence, 19 Drill Hall-road, on Wednesday week in the person of Mr. Charles Smith, aged 76. Mr. Smith was a native of the Island, having been born at Hamstead House, near Yarmouth, where his father was gardener. After apprenticeship to the trade of carpenter and joiner with Mr. A. St. John, at Freshwater, he went to London, where he studied at the Battersea Polytechnic and qualified as a clerk of works. One of his early posts was clerk of works for the County Council during the erection of the Seely Free Library and Technical Institute, and later from 1906 until his retirement on pension in December 1930, he was employed in a similar capacity by H. M. Office of Works, chiefly on building post offices in all parts of the country. His last big job before retiring was the supervision of the erection of a new post office at Worthing which cost £26,000. On retiring, he received a letter from the chief architect of the Office of Works, which stated : "I should like to place on record the very valuable services you have rendered to this department." Since his retirement Mr. Smith had spent most of his time in his favourite hobby of gardening. He was a skilful grower of fruit and flowers and a member of the I. W. Horticultural Association. His wife died 12 years ago, and he leaves two daughters. The funeral took place on Saturday, the Rev. C. L. H. Beardmore officiating at the service in the Parish Church and at the interment at Carisbrooke. The mourners were the Misses L. and O. Smith (daughters), Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Groves (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mrs. Prince, Mr. O. and Miss Crews, and Mr. J. W. Alderslade.

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