

## **Roscoe Andrew Stark**

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### **Death of Mr. R. A. Stark, of Newport.**

#### **WELL KNOWN DAIRYMAN AND DEALER.**

His many friends in the Island agricultural and sporting communities much regret the unexpected death of Mr. Roscoe Andrew ("Ross") Stark, of Watergate Farm, Newport, which took place at a Ryde nursing home on Wednesday.

Mr. Stark, who was 63, was taken ill at his home on Saturday. The trouble was later diagnosed as appendicitis, and he was removed to the nursing home on Tuesday for an operation, but, unfortunately, this proved too late, and he succumbed to peritonitis. He had spent the greater part of his life at Watergate Farm, succeeding his father, the late Mr. Andrew Stark, in the tenancy. As a dairy farmer, dealer in sheep and cattle, and one keenly interested in all outdoor sports, he was very well known, while his unfailing good humour and sportsmanship made him very popular with all his acquaintances. He had carried on an extensive dealing business, particularly in sheep, visiting mainland markets, was a regular attendant at Newport Market, and had occasionally exhibited pigs or sheep at the Island agricultural shows and at the Newport Gilten Markets. He was a member of the I.W. County Coursing Club, being an active follower of the sport in pre-war days, and was a vice-president and a former president of the I.W. Guernsey Cattle Society. His wife died about eight years ago, and there are no children. The funeral will take place to-day (Saturday), service at St. John`s Church, Newport, at 2 p.m.

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#### **ISLAND FARMER`S FUNERAL.**

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#### **MR . R. A. STARK, OF NEWPORT.**

Farmers from all parts of the Island and many other friends were present at St. John`s Church, Newport, on Saturday, to pay their last tribute of respect to Mr. Roscoe Andrew (Ross) Stark, of Watergate Farm, Newport, whose unexpected death was recorded last week. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Mackinnon (vicar), and the interment followed at Carisbrooke Cemetery. The mourners were Mr. F. G. Stark (brother), Miss C. M. Stark and Mrs. Elcombe (sisters), Mr. and Mrs. R. Purdy (nephew and niece), Mrs. Musson

(niece), Messrs. J. Brittan and T. Carwardine, Mr. and Mrs. V. Bartlett, of Bembridge, Mr. G. W. Kingswell, and Mr. J. L. Hawkins, of Dorchester.

Those also present included Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Loader, of Ryde, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Burt, Mr. H. T. Read (representing the Mayor of Newport, Capt. F. J. T. Mew), and Mrs. Read, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ablitt, Mesdames A. Buckler, S. A. Barton, Brittan, Jeffery, W. K. Baker, and Creagh, the Misses M. Ralph and Newbery, and Messrs. J. J. Simmonds, T.C., J. H. Jolliffe, A. Henton, R. H. Russell, Alfred, Albert, P., W., and H. Brown, F. H. Morgan, W. H. Priddle, W. C. Smith, T.C., G. K. Curtis, L. J. Souter, C.C., C. H., H., and D. Biles, A. And R. Bull, B. Sanders, C.A., J. J. Kingswell, H. Burt, P. Barnes, A. Fry, R. H. and E. U. Taylor, P. W. Harman (Messrs. Roach Pittis and Co.), H. F. Dew, E. V. Harvey, W. H. Grace, H. A. Wavell, H. Hobbs, H. W. Dore, S. A. Watson (hon. secretary, I.W. branch of the National Farmers` Union, and also representing Mr. R. Y. Morgan); T. H. Sprake (master) and H. W. Minns (hon. secretary), representing , the I.W. County Coursing Club; W. G. Sibbick (chairman) and G. H. Lambert (hon. secretary), representing the Newport Conservative Club; W. Holden, N. H. Evans (I.W. Farmers` Trading Society), P. H. Crumpler, Seymour Pittis, C. Allen, E. W. Way (Messrs. Henry J. Way and Son), T. H. Alexander, L. Belben, A. D. Dockrill (Messrs. Sir Francis Pittis and Son), J. H. Knighton, W. Scott Blake, F. J. Wray, T.C., A. Gale, E. G. Barnes, A. T. Barton, O. C. Hamilton, A. Downer, J. Moorman, J. Kirby, G. H. Woodmore (Messrs. John Sheath and Co.), D. W. Morris, H. Jacobs, S. Cooper, J. Starke, F. G. Coate, R. J. Urry, and A. O. Purdy, and Ald. J. H. Deacon.

Messrs. O. C. Hamilton made the arrangements.

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