

Charles Thomas Allee

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DEATH OF MR. C. T. ALLEE. – Keen regret is felt by many friends in Newport, where he resided for so long, and was so intimately known, at the death in his 86th year of Mr. Charles Thomas Allee, which took place on Monday at Marne Villa, Grange-road, East Cowes, the residence of his daughter (Mrs. Isaac Pardey). Few men in Newport were better known than the late Mr. C. T. Allee, whose quiet and unobtrusive manner, high integrity, and kindly and sympathetic nature, endeared him to all. For 59 years he very capably, tactfully, and conscientiously carried out the duties of borough rate collector, and on his retirement in October, 1919, warm and well-deserved tributes to his long and faithful services were paid by the Town Council, by whom he was presented with a monetary gift. He did not live very long to enjoy his retirement. The death of his wife and devoted partner was a great blow to him. His health began to fail, and he removed to East Cowes about two and a half years ago to spend his last days with his daughter, who, in his long illness, tended him with loving devotion. He had long known that the end was coming, and was prepared for it. His grandfather was a naval engineer(?). Deceased took a very deep and active interest in Freemasonry, and by his death the Albany Lodge has lost not only its oldest member (he was probably the oldest Freemason in the Island), but one who had filled practically every office and worked zealously and untiringly for it. He did specially good service on behalf of the Masonic charities. He was initiated a member of the Albany Lodge in 1860. He had four times very ably filled the office of secretary, the last period being from 1897 to 1900. He was W.M. in 1886, and again in 1894. He had also held provincial rank, and was the last surviving officer of the provincial Grand Lodge of the Isle of Wight, which was united with that of Hampshire. In 1911 he was presented by Albany Lodge with a testimonial “in recognition of his untiring efforts and zeal on behalf of the Lodge, and the Masonry in general during a period of upwards of 46 years, and as a token of the esteem and regard in which he is held by the brethren.” He was a former worshipper at St. John’s Church, and served many years as a Volunteer. He leaves nine children, for whom sympathy is felt. The funeral took place at Carisbrooke Cemetery on Thursday, and was attended, in addition to Messrs. F., T., and C. Allee (sons), and I. Pardey (son-in-law), by the worshipful master and members of the Albany Lodge of Freemasons, members and officials of the Corporation, and others. .. There were also present ex-Ald. R. Bird Cheverton, J.P., who was chairman of the Borough Finance Committee during deceased’s tenure of office, Ald. J. C. Millgate, J.P., and H. W. Lincoln (borough rate collector). The Rev. W. H. Mackinnon, prov. grand chaplain of Freemasons, officiated, and delivered the Masons’ oration at the graveside.

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