

Frederick James Attrill

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NEWPORT.

DEATH OF MR. FREDERICK ATTRILL. – We regret to record the death which took place on Tuesday, after only a day's illness, of Mr. Frederick James Attrill, the well-known and popular caretaker of the Newport Recreation-ground. Mr. Attrill, whose death at the early age of 47 is much deplored, took to his bed on Tuesday morning suffering from an attack of dysentery. He became alarmingly worse during the day and medical assistance was called in, but he died from heart failure in the evening. Much sympathy is felt for his widow and family of four children in their sudden bereavement. The late Mr. Attrill had been in charge of the Recreation-ground practically since its opening, and his genial and obliging disposition and true love of sport in all its branches had won for him a wide circle of friends, especially amongst the youthful users of the ground, whom Mr. Attrill was always ready to help in any way. In his younger days he was a noted athlete, and was perhaps the finest mile runner the Island has ever produced. For a number of years he held the Island championship and carried off the first prize for that distance at practically every sports meeting on the Island. We believe he held the record for the mile on the Carisbrooke Castle track at the time of his death. He was also the oldest member of the Carisbrooke bell-ringers, having taken his place in the "eight" for the past 30 years or more together with his brothers, the late Mr. Frank Attrill, of Carisbrooke, and Mr. Maurice Attrill, of the Bedford Inn. He was a member of the Earl Yarborough Lodge of Oddfellows. The funeral takes place on Sunday.

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