

Frederick Barnes

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DEATH OF MR. FRED BARNES. - By the death of Mr. Frederick Barnes, of Holmleigh, which occurred following an operation at the County Hospital, on Thursday, at the age of 71, there passes one who had a most praiseworthy record of service both for his country and for the parish of Carisbrooke. A native of Arreton, Mr. Barnes ran away to sea as a lad and joined the Navy, from which he retired on pension in 1894, with the rank of master-at-arms after 23 years' service. He then settled at Carisbrooke, building Holmleigh for his own occupation and purchasing considerable land in the district, which he developed for building. For a number of years he was a representative of the parish on the Rural District Council and Board of Guardians, and he had served on the Parish Council and Burial Board and as a manager of the Council Schools. At the outbreak of the Great War Mr. Barnes, though 58, immediately volunteered for service afloat, but he was rejected on account of his age. Later, however, he tried again and eventually succeeded in returning to the senior Service as an able seaman on a patrol vessel. His sea experience soon gained him promotion to boatswain, and towards the end of hostilities he regained his old rank of master-at-arms on H.M.S. Satellite. It was doubtless the rigours of war service at his advanced age that undermined his previously robust health, for he had been gradually failing since. He was taken seriously ill on Sunday last. Much sympathy is felt with Mrs. Barnes in her bereavement. The funeral takes place on Monday afternoon.

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