

Frederick William Black

1891 census, Westminster House, Carisbrooke

<i>Fredk W Black</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>Solicitor's Clerk</i>	<i>Carisbrooke Hampshire</i>
Martha Black	Wife	56		Boldre Hampshire England
James H Black	Son	26	Solicitor	Carisbrooke Hampshire
Fanny J Black	Daughter	24	Schoolmistress	Carisbrooke Hampshire
Emily F Black	Daughter	18		Carisbrooke Hampshire

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DEATH OF MR. F.W. BLACK.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Frederick William Black, which took place at his residence, Westminster House, Newport, early on New Year's morning. The deceased, who was in his 54th year, had suffered from declining health for some considerable time past. He was able, however, to take his place in the Registration Courts a few months since, and although, owing to his physical condition, there was some falling off in the untiring energy and spirit which he was wont to display in the years of his strength, he yet showed that his "natural force" was not altogether abated and that he could yet do good work for his party. In a paragraph under our "Town and Country" heading we refer to the great services which Mr. Black rendered to the Liberal party in the Island in connection with registration matters, and it remains for us here only to add that some years since those services were recognised by the presentation to him of a handsome testimonial. The deceased was one of the elective auditors of the borough. His death at an age when many men are in their full vigour is regretted by all who knew him, and their sincere sympathy is with the widow and other members of the sorrowing family. The funeral takes place at Carisbrooke Cemetery at 3 o'clock this (Saturday) afternoon.

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The Liberal party in the Island have suffered a great loss by the death of Mr. F.W. Black, who, as their registration agent-in-chief, rendered them very able and valuable service during a long number of years. His knowledge of the Island register was probably unequalled – we have heard this admitted by Mr. Wooldridge, who so often met Mr. Black in the registration courts and found him a foeman worthy of *his* steel. He possessed a remarkable faculty for picking up just the information that it was essential to have respecting every name on the list, and he was always wonderfully ready with his references to "cases," "decisions," and "precedents" as bearing upon the work which he had in hand. In the old "Clifford" days we once heard the present Sir Charles refer to the subject of this notice as "my friend Black, who goes to bed at night with the Parliamentary register for a pillow, and as his chief breakfast dish in the morning he consumes the electoral roll!" There was always a vein of quiet humour in the "three C's" – Charles Cavendish Clifford. All who, as candidates, have championed the cause of Island Liberalism during the past quarter of a century have testified to their immense indebtedness to Frederick William Black, and it will be long before the Liberal part on the Isle of Wight "look upon his like again."

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