

## **Albert Frederick Coward**

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### **CARISBROOKE.**

**Death of Mr. A. F. Coward.** – A member of an esteemed local family has been removed by the death on Friday week at his residence, 12 High-street, of Mr. Albert Frederick Coward, aged 77. A native of the village, Mr. Coward actively carried on until a few days before his death the boot and shoe-making business established by his late father in 1830, in which his late brother, Mr. C. Coward, was also a partner. At one time this business must have been one of the best known in the Island, for the firm made boots for agricultural workers over a wide area in the West Wight, and the deceased used to make regular journeys to Brighstone, Shorwell, Brook and the surrounding areas with a horse and cart to deliver finished work and take orders. At one time he used to work one day a week at Brighstone in executing work from the district. Until about four years ago he regularly kept up to 50 pigs. Mr. Coward was one of the Brethren who worshipped at Holyrood-hall. His death followed a very short illness, and sympathy is felt with his widow, two sons, and a daughter, who survive him. One of his sons was killed in the last war. The funeral took place at Carisbrooke Cemetery on Tuesday. The service in the Cemetery Chapel was attended by a large number of Brethren and Carisbrooke residents, and the last rites were conducted by Mr. E. A. Walmsley and Mr. F. Lock. The mourners were Mr. W. and Mr. R. C. Coward (sons), Mr. F. Davis (son-in-law), Mr. T. Bevis (brother-in-law), Mr. C. H. L. Coward (nephew), Mr. A. Coward (cousin), and Mr. E. W. Tyler. Some 30 wreaths included those from the Holyrood-hall Sunday-school and the Carisbrooke Scouts. Moorman and Son made the arrangements.

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