

## Percy Hollis

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### DEATH OF MR. PERCY HOLLIS, OF NEWPORT.

The death occurred on Sunday, at his residence, 10 Avondale-road, Mount Pleasant, Newport, of Mr. Percy Hollis, aged 82, a man who had been prominent in Island agricultural circles and in the business life of the town for well over half a century. Mr. Hollis was taken ill while on a motor tour in North Wales about a fortnight ago, and he had since been suffering from bronchitis and heart weakness, the end coming peacefully on Sunday night. Mr. Hollis was a member of a well known Godshill family. Apprenticed to the grocery trade he commenced business in that line at Lymington, but soon returned to his native Island to open a corn merchant's shop in the Lower High-street. After a few years he established the grocery business at the top of Quay-street, now carried on by Messrs. Miller and Hazard. After controlling it for some years he disposed of the business, but retained ownership of the premises, and for some 10 years farmed Great Appleford, Godshill, in co-operation with his brother, the late Mr. Fred Hollis (father of Mr. F. F. Hollis, C.C. of Limerstone). He then launched another corn merchant's business at Upper Shide Mill, where he also went in for pig rearing on a large scale, but soon after the war, when his premises in Quay-street became vacant, he restarted the grocery business there and continued it until he again sold it 11 years ago to the present proprietors. After that, until about two years ago, he returned to farming at Broadfields, Gunville. He was an enterprising and able business man, who was keen in trying new ideas. This trait in his character was evidenced by the fact that though well on in years before motor-cars came into general use, he became an enthusiastic motorist, and continued to drive until quite recently. He was twice married, and is survived by his second wife. He and Mrs. Hollis were regular worshippers at St. John's Church, where the funeral service took place on Thursday. The Rev. W. H. Mackinnon (vicar) officiated, the interment following at Carisbrooke Cemetery. The hymn "Rock of ages" was sung. The organist (Miss Dorothy Welby-Pryer, L.R.A.M.) played "Solemn march" (Niedermeyer), "Rest her in peace," from St. John's Passion" (Bach), "O rest in the Lord" (Mendelssohn), and "I know that my Redeemer liveth" (Handel). The family mourners were Mrs. Hollis (widow), Mr. F. Hollis (son), Mrs. Smith (daughter), Mr. H. S. Hollis (brother), Mrs. Hollis (daughter-in-law), Mr. P. Hollis (grandson), Mr. F. F. Hollis, C.C. (nephew), Mesdames Jones, Russell, and Smith (nieces), Mrs. Rosenberg, Messrs. J. and S. Hollis and Mrs. A. Morris (cousins), Messrs. W. R. Hall, B. Saunders, H. P. Jones, and G. Smith (nephews), Miss M. Smith, and Mr. Alec Mearman. Among those also present were the Mayor of Newport (Ald. A. E. Harvey, J.P.), Messrs. James Eldridge, C. Brown, E. W. Way, H. F. Scott, F. Chiverton (representing Messrs. Upward and Rich, Ltd.), H. H. Osborne, G. Hazard, H. Adams. R. Stevens, L. Harvey, A. Rolf, S. Hollis (Godshill), E. S. Miller, G. S. Hibberd, C. Cheverton, E. W. Jenkins, F. Hussey, and A. Butcher, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Butcher, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Eldridge, Mr. and Mrs. W. Upward, Mr. and Mrs. W. Flint, and Miss Fryer (Yarmouth), Mr. and Mrs. Flander, Mesdames H. G. Jeffery, Hutton, Mearman, K. Westmore, and Fitcher (St. Helen's), and the Misses Newbery, F. Scott, Mearman, and Rita Hall. Mr. J. B. Alderslade, who is away from the Island, was unable to attend.

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