Robert Lock

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VETERAN AGRICULTURIST'S DEATH. - The death occurred at his residence, Denedin, Cypress-road, on Saturday, at the age of 84, of Mr. Robert Lock, who, as "Robert Lock, of Duxmore," was for 60 years or so an esteemed and familiar figure in Island agricultural circles. After his long period as tenant of Duxmore, Mr. Lock retired about five years ago and took up his residence in Newport, first in Castle-road and latterly at Mount Pleasant. About two years ago he had the misfortune to break his leg by slipping on the frosty roadway in Castle-road, but he made a wonderful recovery in view of his age, and, although he was unable afterwards to use the leg, and had to be wheeled about in a bath-chair, his health remained good until about four months ago. Almost throughout his adult life Mr. Lock had been afflicted with deafness, but he made light of this handicap, and refused to allow it to interfere with his activities, as was instanced by the fact that during his long tenancy at Duxmore he regularly attended the Arreton Parish Church, walking over the downs to matins, although probably he could hear little of the service. He came of one of the oldest families of agriculturists in the Island, his father, William Lock, having been tenant of Combley, and being succeeded there by deceased's brother (Mr. James Lock). He was a lover of cricket, and often watched games on the Recreation-ground. The funeral took place at Carisbrooke Cemetery, on Tuesday, the Rev. F. Oakley Hill (vicar of Christ Church, Hoxton), who is doing duty for Canon Thompson at Newport, officiating. The mourners were the Misses F., A.M., F., and M. Lock and Mrs. Wright (daughters). Mr. F. W. Lock (son), Messrs. T. C. Lock, of East Meon, and James Lock., of Carisbrooke (brothers), Mr. W. Lock (nephew), Mrs. H. Cameron (niece), Mr. H. Blake (brother-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. F. Williams (Guildford), and Miss Cooke. Those also following were Messrs. R. B. Cheverton, J.P., H. Cawley-Way, E. E. Peters, A. Campbell, A. Saunders, J.M. Mansbridge and F. Daish. – Mr. G. F. Quinton made the arrangements.

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