

Captain James Markland

1891 England, Wales & Scotland Census
Carisbrooke Castle, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight, England

Name	Relationship	Status	Age	Occupation	Birthplace
<i>James Markland</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>Custodian</i> <i>Carisbrooke Castle</i>	<i>Wingham, Kent</i>
Annie M. Markland	Wife	Married	47		Aldington, Kent
Clara Haskell	Servant	Married	34	Cook domestic	Portsmouth, Hampshire
Jane Whillier	Servant	Single	19	Housemaid domestic	Portsmouth, Hampshire

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DEATH OF CAPTAIN MARKLAND

We deeply regret to record the death of Capt. Markland, which took place at Carisbrooke Castle about noon yesterday, the sad event being notified by the flying of the flag at half-mast on the Castle keep and by the tolling of the minute bell at Carisbrooke Church. The deceased was greatly esteemed for his gentle character and kindly nature, and all whose pleasure it was to know him will unfeignedly mourn his departure. As custodian of Carisbrooke Castle he exhibited a reverent care for the historic relic committed to his charge, and it is impossible to overestimate the value, from an archaeological point of view, of the services which he rendered in that capacity. So far as his health permitted, he took an active interest in the public affairs of Carisbrooke, and it may be truly said that his death has cast a gloom over the whole neighbourhood. The sincerest sympathy of all is with Mrs. Markland in her sorrow.

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THE LATE CAPT. MARKLAND AND CARISBROOKE CASTLE

In our notice last week of the death of Captain Markland we remarked that "as custodian of Carisbrooke Castle he exhibited a reverent care for the historic relic committed to his charge, and it is impossible to overestimate the value, from an archaeological point of view, of the services which he rendered in that capacity". This is the matter upon which no one is better able to speak than Mr. Percy G. Stone, author of that splendid work, "The Archaeological Antiquities of the Isle of Wight", and we have pleasure in publishing the following letter which that gentleman has addressed to us. "By the death of Capt. James Markland", writes Mr. Stone, "the Island has lost a notable inhabitant, Her Majesty a trusted servant, and I a valued and sincere friend. Rare it is to find a man who identified himself with his post as Capt. Markland did. The state of the Castle when he came and now is the best proof of his zeal and ability. Its care was the study of his later life, and I verily believe he knew and loved every stone of it. As a companion in a ramble through its nooks and corners he was simply delightful, his clear-headedness and keen insight were marvellous, and he assuredly knew all there was to know of the treasures of which he was so able a custodian. When I first approached him on the archaeology of the Castle he threw himself into the subject with enthusiasm, and to his able and discriminating co-operation I am indebted for much of the success of my history. Indeed, his own contribution on the subject to the Hants Field Club was excellently thorough, and elicited from Lord Dillon, the present vice-president of the Society of

Antiquaries, whose letter to me I may be pardoned in quoting, the acknowledgement: "It is very interesting and written in a modest but sensible style . . . *si sic omnes*". And this seems to me to touch the keynote of Capt. Markland's life. Modest and sensible he truly was. What he did for the Castle during his custody of it can hardly be realised by those who knew it not before his appointment. How he cared for it and brought to light—mainly, be it remembered, at his own expense—its many hitherto hidden architectural features, forming links undeniable in the history of its existence, will ever I trust be remembered by the people of the Wight. Difficult indeed will it be to supply his place. He has left to those who follow him a legacy they should be jealous to preserve, and I feel sure that all Islanders will join me in the sincere hope that his successor, whoever he may be, will follow in the footsteps of so able and earnest a guide and uphold the dignity of constable of Her Majesty's Castle of Carisbrooke as conscientiously as did Capt. James Markland".

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FUNERAL OF CAPT. MARKLAND

The funeral of Capt. James Markland, the esteemed custodian of Carisbrooke Castle, who, as we announced in our issue of last Saturday, succumbed to a protracted illness from lung complaint on the previous day, took place at Carisbrooke Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon amid general manifestations of sorrowful respect. It will be of interest to our readers if we supplement our previous reference to the estimable qualities of the gallant Captain in civilian life with a brief sketch of his military career. The deceased officer entered the Army as a recruit in the Rifle Brigade some 32 years ago. He soon rose in the ranks, his promotion therein culminating in his being appointed sergeant-major of 1st Batt. Rifle Brigade during the time the battalion was stationed in Winchester in 1875-6, after which he served in the same rank at different stations until he received a commission as quartermaster in February, 1878. Having accompanied and served with the battalion some time in India, the gallant officer was invalided home, and subsequently succeeded the late veteran Major D. McIntyre as quartermaster of the Rifle Depot, which responsible post he held until appointed by the then Governor of the Isle of Wight (Viscount Eversley) to succeed the late Major McGrotty as Custodian of Carisbrooke Castle, his retirement from the Rifle Depot, with the honorary rank of captain, dating from the 2nd of February, 1888. As stated above the funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, the first portion of the service being held at the parish church of Carisbrooke, in the presence of a numerous congregation. The *cortege* started from the Castle, from the keep of which the Union Jack was flying at half-mast, about midday, the coffin, covered and surrounded with beautiful floral tokens, being borne on a funeral car. The chief mourners included the widow, supported by her brother, Mr. Tutt, Mr. Poole (brother-in-law) and Miss Poole, the servants at the Castle, Dr. Groves, J.P. (medical attendant), Col. H. Donald Browne (of the Rifle Depot, representing H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, who formerly commanded the 1st Batt. Rifle Brigade, in which deceased served), Major Metcalfe (representing the 4th Batt. Rifle Brigade, Aldershot), Major Cockburn (2nd Batt. Rifle Brigade), Capt. Lawrence (1st Batt. Rifle Brigade), Capt. Petre (3rd Batt. Rifle Brigade), and Capt. Riley (quartermaster Rifle Depot, Gosport) and Mrs. Riley, Mr. A. Harbottle Estcourt, J.P., C.A. (deputy governor of the Island). Then came the representatives of the Albany Lodge of Freemasons, of which deceased was a member, including Messrs. W.L. George, W.M., R. Sa?th, S.W., F. Pinnock, J.W., P.M.'s C.T.Alee, P.P.S.G.D., R. B. Cheverton, P.P.G.P., G. A. Brannon, Horace Groves, std., and C. E. Pinnock, D.C., J. G. Pinnock, M. D., F. King, Harry Sheppard, A. C. Wittome, F. W. B. Waterworth, and Barnes. There were also present Qr.-Mr.-Sergt. Knott, Colr.-Sergt. Cooper, Colr.-Sergt. Harrington, Sergt.-Master-Tailor Jennings, Sergt. Heard, Sergt.-Bugler McAllister, all old comrades of the deceased from the Rifle Depot, and Mr. G. Handley, who served under him as quartermaster-sergt., with Sergt.-Major Longmuir (Island Volunteers). Amongst others present were Mr. Robert

Urry (chairman) and Mr. J. Mearman, representing the Carisbrooke School Board, for which deceased recently retired on account of ill-health; Mr. Robt. Pinnock, J.P. (chairman of the late Carisbrooke Burial Board, of which deceased had been a member), Messrs. N. H. T. Mursell, T.C. (hon. sec), and J. Lockhart (deputy captain), of the Carisbrooke Bowling Club, of which deceased was a vice-president; Messrs. Obed Jackman, C. Salter, jun., and E. J. Abraham, representing the Oddfellows and Forrester's Fete Committee, of which the deceased was a supporter; the Rev. W.F. Ommanney (curate of Newport), Major Pattinson, Major Henry J. Way, and Messrs. C. J. Dashwood, C.C., W. Spickernell, J.L. Moore, John Spickernell, A.W. Drew, E. Hawker, A. Burt, W. Cave, W. Gyson, C. Peck, Leonard Jordan Baker, J. Bevis, W.F. Scovell, W. J. Watts, J. Stark, A.J. Snellgrove, J.T. Read, Boucher (Sandown), and many others. Before the arrival of the *cortege* at the church, the organist (Mr. J. T. Read) played several appropriate pieces, including "O rest in the Lord". The procession was met at the door by the Vicar (Rev. A.W. Milroy) and his curate (Rev. R.L. Monck Mason), the latter taking the first part of the service. At the commencement the hymn "Rock of Ages" was sung, the Psalms were chanted, and the Vicar read the lesson, the hymn "Jesu, lover of my soul" being sung at the conclusion. As the procession left the church, the solemnly-touching strains of the "Dead march" in *Saul* wailed forth from the organ. The concluding portion of the impressive ceremony at the Cemetery was conducted by the Vicar. Loving hands had lined the grave with ivy, studded with sprays of primroses and forget-me-nots. The pall-bearers were Major Cockburn and Capts. Lawrence, Petre, and Riley, the bearers being Messrs. T.C. McGrotty, G. Merrett, and J. Peake (employee) and Messrs. W. Woodmore, J. Toogood, and F. Spanner (occasional workmen at the Castle). The coffin was of polished elm, with brass mounts, and the breastplate bore the following inscription:

Capt. James Markland
Born March 19th, 1844
Died April 19th, 1895
Aged 51

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