

Micah Morris

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Death of Mr. Micah Morris.

FARMED 50 YEARS IN BOWCOMBE VALLEY.

The Island has lost one of its most esteemed agriculturalists by the death at Froglands Farm, Carisbrooke, on Tuesday, of Mr. Micah Clifford Morris, formerly of Plaish and Bowcombe Farms, in his 77th year. He had spent over half a century farming in the fertile valley of Bowcombe and was recognised as an all-round agriculturalist of more than average ability; one of the old school, who knew the value of good husbandry, but never so old fashioned as to hesitate in taking advantage of modern mechanical methods, provided they did not offend against his ideals of sound agricultural practice. Until recent years, when he farmed on a much smaller scale than previously, he always had a good flock of Dorset Horn sheep, excellent Shire horses, a sound mixed herd of dairy cattle, and ample other stock, and he and his late brother, with whom he was in partnership, had won prizes at the shows of the Royal I.W. Agricultural Society, particularly with horses. A man who had always worked hard himself, he knew what an honest day's labour was and never demanded more; consequently he enjoyed the warm esteem of his employees, who remained with him many years. At the time of his death one of his carters had been with him over 30 years. His quiet, kindly manner, his keen sense of humour, his acts of generosity unostentatiously performed, and his imperturbable good temper were traits in his character which won him the friendship of all who came into contact with him. Until his health failed about six months ago he was a regular worshipper in Carisbrooke Church and a generous supporter of parochial funds.

Mr. Micah Morris was the youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Morris, of Plaish, and after their late father's death he and his late brother (Mr. Wallace Edwin Morris, who died at Froglands 12 years ago) took over the farm. In 1919 they purchased Bowcombe and Froglands farms and worked the two holdings until 1942 when Bowcombe was sold to Col. Stephenson Clarke, and Mr. Micah moved to Froglands, which he had farmed since. He never married, and since the death of his parents he had been devotedly cared for by his niece (Miss Brown) with whom deep sympathy is felt in her heavy bereavement. Mr. Morris had served on the committee of the Royal I.W. Agricultural Society and the Island branch of the National Farmers' Union, and was a member of the Newport Conservative Club. The funeral will be to-day (Saturday); service in Carisbrooke Church at 2 p.m.

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Funeral of Mr. Micah Morris, of Froglands.

There was a large attendance of his fellow agriculturalist and other friends at the funeral on Saturday of Mr. Micah Morris, of Froglands Farm, Carisbrooke, formerly of Bowcombe Manor. The Vicar (the Rev. H. Ewbank, R.D.) officiated at the service in Carisbrooke Church and at the interment in Carisbrooke Cemetery, and paid a tribute to the deceased gentleman's many admirable qualities, stating that he was the last of six brothers who had been successful farmers. During all the years that he had known Mr. Morris he had never heard him say an ill-tempered word about anybody or anything, never had he seen him when he was not calm and cheerful; he was a man with a deep sense of duty to his God and his fellows, who set a shining example of sincerity, honesty, and hard work. The 23rd Psalm was chanted and the hymns were "Now the labourer's task is o'er" and "Lead, kindly light," and the organist (Mr. G. R. Barrett) played "O rest in the Lord." The mourners were Mrs. C. Allen, senior (sister), Miss, Miss M., and Mrs. H. Brown, Miss M., and Mrs. H. Morris, and Mrs. H. Brown (nieces), Messrs. R. Wells, E. and H. H. Morris, and C. Allen (nephews), Messrs. D., A., and R. Morris (great-nephews), Messrs. Hilton Morris and H. Brown, Mrs. H. H. and Mrs. A. Morris, Mrs. C. Allen, junior, Nurse Cross, and Mr. S. A. Watson, the Misses J. Denham and J. Merry and Mr. H. Morey (employees), and Messrs. F. Grimes and J. Downer (former employees).

[only family mourners transcribed]

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