

Fred Peach

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NEWPORT

Death of a Craftsman.—The death occurred on Tuesday at the I.W. County Hospital, of Mr. Fred Peach, of 2 Union-street, for many years one of the best known and most talented metal workers in the Island. Mr. Peach was 80 years of age and had been a craftsman in iron work since the age of 16, when he was apprenticed to his father. He was taken ill at his work about seven weeks ago, and a fortnight ago was removed to the hospital, but an operation for internal trouble failed to save his life. Mr. Peach was a very skilful worker in wrought iron, and was one of the last splendid old craftsmen of the Island. He formerly had an establishment in Pyle-street, and when his father died he and a younger brother carried on the business until 1929, when his brother died. Finding the business too much for him single-handed, he sold that in Pyle-street and built himself a shop at the bottom of his garden, where he carried on until his last illness. He was one of the oldest members of the Newport branch of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and was at one time superintendent. He joined the Naval Reserve branch and when the last war broke out he was called up at the age of 50, and served nearly five years in Haslar Hospital. In the days when the old horse ambulance was in use he visited many parts of the Island to attend cases of illness and accident. On the occasion of the funeral of King Edward VII at Windsor he was one of the selected party of ambulance men to be on duty. It was said of him that every church in Newport had some specimen of his iron work. He was very proud of his skill in making ornamental door knockers, latches, and iron furniture of all kinds. The funeral will take place at Carisbrooke Cemetery to-day (Saturday) at 2 p.m.

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NEWPORT

The Late Mr. F. Peach.—The funeral of Mr. F. Peach, of 2 Union-street, was on Saturday at Carisbrooke Cemetery, the Vicar of Carisbrooke (the Rev. H. Ewbank, R.D.) officiating. There were no floral tributes, by request. The chief mourners were Mr. and Mrs. F. Peach (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. H. Dyer (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. T. Peach, of Niton (brother), Mr. A. Peach (nephew), Mr. C. H. Morris (representing Mr. and Mrs. D. Newbery, of Ningwood (brother-in-law and sister), and Mr. W. Knight (representing Messrs. Arthur Wood and Company). Others present were the Mayor (Ald. W. Blake, J.P.) and Messrs. W. H. Downer, T.C. (representing the Onward Tent of Rechabites), P. Newbery (an old comrade of Mr. Peach in the R.N.S.B. Reserve in the last war), G. R. Barrett, G. Cooper, H. F. Payn, and W. G. Sibbick, J.P. Messrs. Hamilton and Son made the arrangements.

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