

Henry Pinnock

1881 England, Wales & Scotland Census
Beech Wood, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight, Hampshire

Name	Relationship	Status	Age	Occupation	Birthplace
<i>Henry Pinnock</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Widower</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>Landowner West Indies Merchant And Farming 300 Acres On Isle Of Wight</i>	<i>Chichester, Sussex</i>
Elizabeth Murray	Servant	Widow	45	Cook	Boston, Lincoln, England
Harriet Elliott	Servant	Unmarried	26	Housemaid	Ryde, Isle of Wight

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DEATH OF MR. HENRY PINNOCK, J.P., C.C.

The shadow of death had fallen in our midst again. Soon after the midnight hour, on Saturday morning last, Mr. Henry Pinnock died, and when, later in the morning, the sad news became known, it fell upon his friends and neighbours with all the painfulness of a sudden shock, for he had been amongst us so recently, and though he had advanced four years beyond the span of three score and ten, all were hoping that he had before him yet many more years of happy and useful life. But it was not to be. His work was done, and death, decreeing "rest from his labours", had curtained for ever from earthly view another of the "old familiar faces". We intrude no more upon the privacy of domestic grief than to say that the end came very calmly, and surrounded by those nearest and dearest to him, Henry Pinnock passed peacefully away.

The late Mr. Henry Pinnock's first connection with the Isle of Wight dates back to an early period of his life, and his settled residence amongst us extended over more than forty years. Possessing marked aptitude for public life, his services were soon in public request. In his address to the County Council electors of the Whippingham Division, first published in these columns towards the close of last year, he said "My public record in various positions in the Island extends over a period of nearly forty years". And the fact may here be recalled that he was elected unopposed as the representative of the Division named, and in chronicling that fact we said "Whippingham could not have done better. For several decades Mr. Henry Pinnock has borne a prominent part in public matters in the Island, and his claims to and qualifications for a seat on the County Council are second to none". Early in his public career Mr. Pinnock was elected a member of the Isle of Wight Highway Board, and here he did good work for the Island—a work continued right down to the latest meetings of that body. Occupying his accustomed seat on the right of the chairman, there was no more familiar form at the Highway Commissioners, meetings than Mr. Henry Pinnock, and his colleagues would be the first to testify to the ability, the conscientiousness, and the unflinching urbanity with which he discharged his duty at the Board. He had a rare instinct for discerning and estimating at a glance the bearings and merits of a question, and when speech was needed, and only then, he spoke, always to the point and with effect, for he was an exceedingly apt and ready debater. Mr. Pinnock's connection with the borough of Newport was very close, and he was ever solicitous for its well-being, and always anxious to do all in his power to promote its interests. "I have always felt it a duty", he said on a recent occasion, "as it is a pleasure, to be as useful as I can to the community amongst whom I live, and if I have rendered any service that has proved a benefit, I have my reward in the result". He was one of the senior justices of the peace for the borough of Newport, and on several occasions he was asked to take the Mayoralty, but there were reasons which led him to decline the honour. Of railways in the Island he may be considered as having been one of the

pioneers, and for many years he held a seat on the directorate of the Company now known as the Isle of Wight Central. He was also a director and vice-chairman of the Southampton and Isle of Wight Steampacket Company. Alike with his esteemed brother, the late Mr. Robert Pinnock, he was a Liberal in politics, and though he had of late abstained from active participation in the affairs of his party, there are those who remember the time when the name of Henry Pinnock was as a tower of strength in the ranks of Island Liberalism. One of the latest movements with which he was actively connected was the rearing of the Isle of Wight Club on the foundation of the old Isle of Wight Institution, and he was chairman of the directors of that flourishing undertaking. Some who read these lines will call to remembrance words uttered by the late Mr. Pinnock but three short months ago on the occasion of the inauguration dinner in connection with the above-named institution. His health had been proposed by Mr. Roach Pittis, whose remarks were such a felicitous summing-up of the estimable qualities of the good and true friend now no more that we may be pardoned for reproducing them. "If", said Mr. Roach Pittis, "he were to speak of the good and kindly gentleman who bore the names of Mr. Henry Pinnock, he should speak of one whose face was as welcome as it was familiar in Newport; he should speak of the esteem with which he was regarded outside, as well as in, the Isle of Wight; he should speak of one whose life was cheered by hosts of friends who prized the clasp of his hand. But that night he asked them to greet and to honour Mr. Henry Pinnock, not so much in his private and social character, as in his parental relationship to the Isle of Wight Club". Mr. Pittis went on to remark that "he thought they had been most fortunate in their chairman, because he was a man who peculiarly and especially enjoyed the confidence of every member. The conservative members of the Isle of Wight Institution thought he was one of them, and the younger members thought that he was one of them. They were both right, for if many winters had flecked their chairman's head with the mark of time, many summers had found his heart young and fresh as ever it was. Long might he be spared to them". Then came Mr. Pinnock's reply, and there is a touching significance about his words now that the hush of death has fallen on the voice that uttered them. "Though the tide of life with me", he said "is fast running out, I have no desire to rust out. A man cannot do better than keep on at his work in the world, and make his life as young as he can". So was it with the late Henry Pinnock. To the last he "kept on at his work in the world", and maintained in his age the brightness, the freshness, and the cheerfulness of youth.

The funeral of the deceased gentleman took place at Carisbrooke Cemetery on Wednesday morning last, the chief mourners being Mr. Harris Pinnock and Mrs. Chapple (son and daughter), Mr. S.J. Tombs and Mrs. Harris Pinnock (son-in-law and daughter-in-law), Mr. H.T. Chapple and Miss Tombs (son-in-law and grand-daughter), and Messrs. Robert, Charles, George, and Frederick Pinnock (nephews).

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