

Walter Prince

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MR. WALTER PRINCE

The death occurred on Monday at 23 Caesar's-road, where he had resided for 45 years, of Mr. Walter Prince, who for 52 years was in business as a shoeing and general blacksmith at 3 Sea-street. Mr. Prince, who was in his 82nd year, was a native of the borough. His sturdy physique and ever-present smile made him a familiar and highly esteemed figure in the town. He was typical of the mighty and honest smith of the well known song "The village blacksmith," always at work, yet never too busy to do a good turn for another. He had fitted as many as 100 horseshoes a day in times when horses were far more numerous in industry than they are now, and his versatility and skill at his trade were shown by the work he did for local shipping owners and by his having made tie-rods and other iron work for laying the Freshwater, Yarmouth, and Newport Railway track. The business is still being carried on by his sons, Messrs. H. and F. Prince. Mr. Prince and his wife, with whom much sympathy is felt in the parting after so long a married life, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in September, 1936. They had a family of nine children, of whom three daughters and two sons survive. Mr. Prince was an ardent supporter of the Conservative cause, and in days when political meetings were frequently rowdy affairs he was one of the stalwarts who sometimes had to take forcible steps to remove the rowdy element. He was one of the oldest members of the local Court of Foresters. The funeral will be to-day (Saturday), the service being in the Parish Church at 2 p.m.

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