

Wilfred James Sanders

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FORMER ISLAND SCHOOLMASTER

DEATH OF MR. W. J. SANDERS

The death occurred in a nursing home at Crawley, Sussex, on Sunday, after a long illness following two major operations, of Mr. Wilfred James Sanders, the esteemed head master of Northwood School for 26 years until his retirement in 1951, and a former president of the I.W. County Teachers' Association.

Mr. Sanders, who was 67, was the only son of the late Mr. James Sanders, of the Carisbrooke Nursery Gardens, and he received his early education at Carisbrooke School and at Newport County Secondary School. He trained as a teacher at Southampton University College and then volunteered for service in the Army in the first world war, joining the Hampshire Regiment, in which he became an instructor of physical training at the Winchester Depot, and later serving in France. On demobilisation, in 1919, he was appointed head master of Arretton C.E. School, where he remained until his promotion to Northwood in 1925. After his retirement he was presented with a pair of binoculars and an illuminated address, contributed to by the teachers and scholars, past pupils, and the residents of Northwood, as a mark of appreciation not only of his work as school master, but in other directions, such as the Village Produce Association, of which he was founder and later president, and the Ratepayers' Association, of which he was a founder. Following in the family tradition, Mr. Sanders was a keen and able gardener. Soon after his retirement from Northwood School his wife died and he had since resided with his elder daughter and his son-in-law, at Shortlands, Kent. He leaves another married daughter, and a son, who is deputy head master of Crawley Junior school.

The funeral took place yesterday, a service being held at Northwood Church and the interment following in the family burying place at Carisbrooke Cemetery.

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