

William Henry Saunders

Isle of Wight County Press – 22 March 1947

NEWPORT.

Death of a Clever Craftsman. – The town lost a first-rate craftsman of the old school by the death on Thursday of Mr. William Henry Saunders, of 76 Lugley Street, at the age of 72. He had been ailing for two years and had had to give up his work as a French Polisher and upholsterer, for which he was so much sought after. Many have cause to remember with gratitude his kindly advice and help, given without thought of remuneration, when they came to him with problems of blitzed furniture and damaged upholstery. Mr. Saunders started business on his own account after serving his apprenticeship with Messrs. Moorman and Son. He was proud of the fact that he once made a mattress for Queen Victoria. At one time he did all the piano polishing for Messrs. Murdoch. In his early days as a Volunteer he was a prominent marksman and he was also a keen bowler. He was one of the oldest members of the Conservative Club. He leaves a wife and daughter, with whom much sympathy is felt. The funeral service will be at the Parish Church on Monday at 3 p.m.

Isle of Wight County Press – 29 March 1947

NEWPORT.

Funeral of Mr. W. H. Saunders. – The funeral took place on Monday at the Parish Church of Mr. William Henry Saunders, of 76 Lugley Street, whose death we recorded last week at the age of 72. The flag at the Conservative Club was flown at half-mast. The Rev. L. J. D. Wheatley (vicar of St. Paul's) officiated and Mr. H. Lower accompanied on the organ the hymns. The family mourners were Mrs. Saunders (widow), Mr. and Mrs. R. Scott (son-in-law and daughter), Miss Saunders and Mr. A. Saunders (sister and brother), Mesdames C. Mew and T. E. W. Phillips (sisters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Sibbeck (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Messrs. S. Mew and E. Phillips (nephews), and Mrs. J. Samuel and Miss J. Phillips (nieces). Messrs. T. E. Phillips (brother-in-law) and J. Phillips and Mesdames W. Barton and A. Saunders were unable to attend through illness. Others present included the Mayor and Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. A. E. King), Mr. and Mrs. W. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Urry, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Jensen, Mesdames A. W. Spanner, W. Ferguson, P. Pointer, A. Fryer, W. Winscom, J. Scott, E. Higginbotham, G. Jones, L. M. Smith (cousin), F. W. Martin, A. Baker, F. J. Edmunds, and G. L. Rackett, the Misses Cogger and F. E. M. Scott, and Messrs. M. L. Whitworth, G. French, and S. Barton (representing Murdoch and Co.), A. D. Callaway (representing the old St. Thomas's Club). E. J. Bartlett (also representing the Bowling Club), C. Eldridge (representing the Conservative Club), C. Cheverton and L. H. Morgan (representing the Oddfellows), W. G. Sibbick, J.P., F. Scovell, H. J. Harding, G. W. Crews, W. E. Matthews, W. Somerford, and R. Jones. The interment took place at Carisbrooke Cemetery, the numerous floral tributes included one from Mr. Whitworth and the staff of Murdoch and Co. Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son made the arrangements.

Transcription by Tony Barton for the Friends of Newport and Carisbrooke Cemeteries. ©2020
<https://www.foncc.org.uk>

25 June 2020