

Robert Albert Saunders

1891 census, 34 Trafalgar Road, Carisbrooke

Robert A Saunders	Head	46	Clerk	Shalfleet, Isle of Wight
Annie Saunders	Wife	46		Newport, Isle of Wight
William Hy Saunders	Son	16	Upholsterer Apprentice	Newport, Isle of Wight

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DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN ODDFELLOW. - Island Oddfellowship has lost a familiar and efficient officer by the death of Mr. Robert A. Saunders, who, after being in failing health for some years, succumbed to an attack of illness on Sunday last. For many years the deceased officer had been connected with the Earl Yarborough Lodge of Oddfellows, of which he was formerly elective secretary for eleven years, and in recognition of the admirable and efficient manner in which he discharged his duties he was presented by the members with a handsome clock in 1881. In June, 1883, he received the appointment of corresponding secretary for the Isle of Wight District, the duties of which he continued to discharge with exemplary ability till his decease. The funeral took place at Carisbrooke Cemetery on Thursday afternoon, the Vicar of Newport (Bro. The Rev. H. Edmund Sharpe), who wore his regalia, officiating. The chief mourners were Messrs James Saunders, Fred Saunders, and Henry Saunders (brothers), W.H. Saunders and Arthur Saunders (sons), C. Saunders, G.H. Attrill, and R. Midlane (nephews), James Midlane, Henry Midlane, and W.H. Elliott (brothers-in-law), and John Crews. The large and representative attendance of Oddfellows from all parts of the Island testified to the respect in which deceased was held in that brotherhood. The district officers present were Bros. T. Banbury, P.G.M., H. Attrill, D.F.G.M., G. Fellows, P.P.G.M. (treasurer), T.H. Walden, P.P.G.M., T.A. Butler, P.P.G.M., and H. Griffin, P.P.G.M. (trustees), G.H. Locke, P.P.G.M. (examining officer), G. Morris, P.G. (relieving officer). The numerous delegates from the different societies included the following: Earl Yarborough - Pall bearers, Bros. T.H. Walden (treasurer) P.P.G.M., J. Saunders, P.G., J. Taylor, P.G. (trustees), and H. Prouten, P.P.G.M.; bearers, G. Morris, P.G. (sick pay officer), W.J. Rugg, P.G. (sick visitor), E.J. Abraham, P.G., and E.J. Wilson; conductors, F.J. Martin P.G., and F.J. Barton; Brothers C. Hannam, N.G., A. Scott V.G., C. Steel, P.P.G.M. (per. sec.), J.H. Alderslade, G.M., J.C. Millgate, P.G., H. Tullidge, P.G., A. Snow, P.G., H. Brummell, P.G., J. Blake, P.G., F. Whitcher, P.G., G.F.W. Trenchard, P.G., W. Wood, J. Dockrill, A. Furmage, P.G. Ball, and W.W. Wadham, and some 20 members of the Juvenile Lodge, of which deceased was one of the trustees. East Medina Lodge - Bros. E.S. Hounsell, P.P.G.M., and W. Whittle, P.P.G.M.; Northwood - Bros. W. Thompson N.G., and A. Morgan, V.G.; Hambrough - Bros. M.G. Groves, P.P.G.M. (secretary), F. Martin, P.G., W.H. Bell P.G., and W. Frampton N.G.; Shanklin - W. Flux, P.P.G.M. (secretary), J. Kent (treasurer), A. Kent, P.G., A. Dowling, and J. Hatcher, and Bro. C. Prouten P.D.C.H. of the Foresters Friendly Society; Tennyson, Freshwater - Bros. J.G. Treacher, P.P.G.M. (secretary), E. Toogood P.G., and W. Heal, N.G.; Whippingham - Bro. T. Marsh, P.G. (secretary); Culver - Bros. C.H. Denness, P.P.G.M. (secretary), C. Gladdis, P.G., and H.S. Walker, N.G. Bro. Wilson (Pride of West Sussex Lodge) also attended. There was a large number of floral tokens from the friends of deceased, which included "With great esteem and sincere sympathy from the brethren of the Loyal East Medina Lodge," and from the Loyal Earl Yarborough Lodge, "With sincere sympathy and in remembrance of a faithful Oddfellow; from his brother members." The undertakers were Messrs. Moorman and Son. Messrs. A. Marden (secretary of the Northwood Lodge) and A.D. Ring (elective secretary of the Earl Yarborough Lodge) were unavoidably absent. Bro. T.H. Walden read the Oddfellows' burial service.

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