

## William Spickernell

### 1891 census – High Street, Carisbrooke

James J Spickernell	Brother	74	Retired Builder	Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight
<i>Wm Spickernell</i>	<i>Brother</i>	<i>72</i>	<i>Retired Timber Merchant</i>	<i>Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight</i>
Mary Ann Humby	Housekeeper	46	Housekeeper	North Stoneham, Hampshire

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### DEATH OF WILLIAM SPICKERNELL.

Carisbrooke has lost one of its best-known and most highly-respected inhabitants by the death of Mr. William Spickernell, to who the end came peacefully at his residence, in the old familiar village, on Monday last, at the age of 77. A long life of unostentatious usefulness is thus closed. We have used the word “unostentatious,” and rightly so. It was never the late Mr. Spickernell’s ambition to make a stir in the world. Sufficient was it for him to devote his energies and abilities, which were great, to the furtherance of good works and the performance of useful duties in the place where he lived. He served the office of churchwarden and overseer to the great advantage of church and parish; he was for nearly half a century superintendent of the Church Sunday-school; he was for a number of years Chairman of the Carisbrooke Burial Board; he was a member of the first Carisbrooke School Board and for some years its chairman; and for a considerable period he filled the office of hon. secretary to the Carisbrooke school managers and hon. secretary and treasurer to the children’s savings-bank, retiring from those positions only last month, to the regret of all who had been associated with him. Throughout his life he was especially devoted to the work of the schools and the well-being of the children, and his memory will have an enduring place in the grateful hearts of the young people of Carisbrooke. His personal qualities won for him the warmest regard in private life. A man of wide reading and of really extensive acquirements in some branches of knowledge, he had at command rich stores of information, which he was always ready to share with others, and many who read these words will feel that the removal of William Spickernell from these scenes causes a blank which it will be difficult indeed to fill. The funeral of the lamented deceased took place at Carisbrooke Cemetery on Thursday afternoon, in the presence of a large number of mourning friends. The chief mourners were Messrs. James J. Spickernell and John Spickernell (brothers), Mrs. John Spickernell, Mr. Frank Spickernell, of Hythe (nephew), and Dr. Spickernell, of Redhill (cousin). There were also present Mr. James Snell (Bournemouth), Mr. Edward Brook (Priory), Mr. Greenfield, Mr. and Mrs. G. Trevanion, Miss Saunders, Mrs. and Miss Plumbley (Freshwater), Mrs. F. Stratton, Miss Way Buckell, Dr. Groves, J.P., Ald. W. C. Way, J.P., Mr. Robey F. Eldridge, J.P., C.C., Mr. James Eldridge, jun., Messrs. Robert Urry (chairman) and J. Mearman (Carisbrooke School Board), Mr. John Read, Mr. F. Wadmore, Mr. J. Stanley, Mr. H. W. Morey, Mr. F. Hawker, Mr. C. Webb, Mr. Horace Groves, Mr. A. Burt, Mr. W. F. Scovell, Mr. J. K. Alderslade, Mr. J. List, Mr. M. Downer, Mr. J. Stark, Mr. C. Peck, Mr. J. Lockhart, Mr. J. Holland, Mr. J. W. Marshall, Mr. W. Elliott, Mr. Watts, Mr. Frank Way, Mr. W. Brown, Mr. W. G. Gyton, Miss Amey and Miss Woodford (teachers of the Board School), and others. Major Pattinson, Mr. Robert Pinnock, J.P., Mr. G. A. Brannon, and the Editor of the *County Press* were prevented from attending by unavoidable circumstances. The service was impressively per-

formed by the Rev. R. L. Monok Mason, curate of Carisbrooke. The coffin, which was of polished elm, with massive brass fittings, bore the following inscription:

WILLIAM SPICKERNELL

Died June 15, 1886

Aged 77 years.

There were a number of beautiful floral tributes, .... The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Barton Bros. In the village signs of mourning were general on the day of the funeral, and on all hands were heard expressions of unfeigned regret that the place which has known William Spickernell so long will know him no more.

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