

Frederick William Dominic Trenow

1881 census, Priory of St. Dominic, Carisbrooke

<i>Frederick W. Trenow</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>R C Priest Covent Chapel</i>	<i>Dorchester, Dorset</i>
Sophia Bannister	Housekeeper	44	Housekeeper	Foleshill, Warwickshire

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DEATH OF FATHER TRENOW

The intelligence of the death of Father Trenow — known at the Convent, Carisbrooke, with which he had been for many years connected, as Father Dominic — will be received with sincere regret by many of our readers. The deceased, whose kindly, genial face was very familiar in Newport and Carisbrooke, was in the town on Wednesday, apparently in his usual health, and certainly exhibiting his wonted cheerfulness. About half-past eight in the evening of the same day he passed away. He had a presentiment that his end would be sudden, and the summons found him ready, his death being very peaceful. Dr. Groves was sent for, but arrived about five minutes after death. The late Father Trenow was a graduate of St. John's College, Oxford, and after leaving the University he was ordained as a clergyman of the Anglican Church, and officiated for some time as curate of Badeley, in Worcestershire. In 1850 he seceded from the Church of England and was received into the Roman Catholic Communion, the Gotham cast strongly influencing him in the step thus taken. He was a man of wide culture and a charming conversationalist, and while clinging loyally to his faith and holding very decided opinions upon political questions, he never unnecessarily obtruded his views upon controversial matters. He was revered and loved by the members of his Church, and he attached to himself many warm friends outside his own Communion by his affable bearing and all-pervading kindness of heart. His funeral takes place this (Saturday) morning at Carisbrooke Cemetery.

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THE LATE FATHER DOMINIC TRENOW, O.P.

As was reported in the *County Press* of Saturday last, the Very Rev. Father Dominic Trenow died suddenly on the previous Wednesday at the Convent, Carisbrooke, where he had resided for 13 years, and where he formerly officiated as chaplain and confessor of the Dominican Sisters there. Forty years ago Father Trenow was an Anglican clergyman. In 1850 he was received into the bosom of the Catholic Church. He studied theology at Oscott College, and was ordained priest in 1853. He served missions in Staffordshire - Longton Stone, and Stoke. He joined the Dominican Province. He received the title of Preacher General, and, as already mentioned, spent the last 13 years of his life at the Convent of the Dominican Sisters, Carisbrooke. Although his death was sudden, it was not unexpected. He celebrated the Holy Mass on the day he died, and received extreme unction and the last blessing. The funeral took place on Saturday last. The High Mass de Requiem was chanted by the sisters, and the beautiful "Dies Irae" was sung alternately by the clergy and sisters. The Very Rev. Father R.G. Kelly, Provincial of the Dominican Order, was celebrant; the Very Rev. Father Proctor, Prior of Haverstock-hill, London, deacon; and the Rev. Jos. Mandy, of St. Peter's Priory, Hinckley, sub-deacon. Mr. Joseph Johnson, jun., was master of ceremonies. After the Mass the funeral *cortège* left the chapel for Carisbrooke Cemetery in the following order: Sub-deacon, with cross and acolytes; the clergy, the Revs. J.E. Wallace, Ryde; M. Ellard, Shanklin; A. Richardson, Ventnor; P. Haythornthwaite, Freshwater; Justin Mooney, Newport; R. Davis, Cowes; the Right Rev. Mgr. Provost Cahill, V.G., Ryde; next followed the ministers in cope and dalmatics, and then came the body of the

deceased. The Chief mourners were the Rev. Thomas Trenow, of Graham Vicarage, Jno. Sparks, Esq., of Crewkerne, and the Rev. C.W. Ekins. A goodly number of sorrowing friends followed carrying wreaths and crosses of flowers, amongst who were Mr. and Mrs. W. Holden, Miss Holden, Mrs. J.G. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. F.B. Meager, Mrs. Watts, Miss Meager, Mrs. Pegler, Mrs. Payne, Dr. Groves, Messrs. Peile, W. Matthews, T. Kenny, C Payne, and Luigi Pesca. The procession, under the direction of Father Williams, passed through the front gateway of the Convent and down the road to Carisbrooke Cemetery, where already a great number of people had assembled desirous to pay a last tribute of respect and affection to one who they had esteemed and admired. In addition to those already mentioned the following were amongst the mourners present at the ceremony at the graveside: The Rev. E. Boucher James, M.A., vicar of Carisbrooke, Rev. F. Rogers, curate; Captain Markland, Mr. Horace Groves, and Mr. J. List. The coffin was of polished elm, richly mounted with massive silver fittings and on the lid was a crucifix surmounting the breastplate, the latter of which bore the following inscription:—

“Jesus Mary Dominic
Of your charity pray for the soul
of the
V. Rev. F.W.D. TRENOW
Priest of the Order of Preachers,
who,
Fortified with the rites of Holy Church,
Died on the 18th day of June, 1890
at
St. Dominick’s Priory, Carisbrooke, I.W.,
in the
73rd year of his age, and the
33rd year of his religious profession,
Requiescat in pace. Amen.”

The floral tributes were very beautiful, being chiefly composed of exquisite and fragrant white blooms. Amongst them were the following:- “From his grateful and affectionate children, Mary Watts and L. Meager”; “A token of love and respect, from the Johnson family”; “In affectionate remembrance of Father Dominic, from the Rev. and Mrs. E. Boucher James”; “From Mrs. List, a token of esteem”; “From Mr. and Mrs. Meager’s children, in loving remembrance”; “From Charles and Edith Payne,” “From Irene Nichols,” and “From a poor widow.” Mr. W.H. Dyer, of Newport, carried out the duties of undertaker.

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