

## **Joseph Henry Wavell**

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### **NEWPORT**

**Death of Mr. J. H. Wavell.**—Within a week of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, the death took place at Manora, Medina-avenue, on Thursday of Mr. Joseph Henry Wavell, probably the oldest, and certainly one of the best known and respected of the business men of the borough, who for over 60 years was the licensee of the Vine Inn, which was in the ownership of his family for close upon 100 years, until it was sold about 6 years ago to a Portsmouth firm. Mr Wavell was at the Vine, showing that business ability and courteous regard for his customers which always distinguished him. He witnessed many changes in the licensing regulations. At one time he was the owner of The Eagle Tavern and the Red Lion Inn and of the Waverley Hotel (Carisbrooke), which he had built in the late seventies, after a former public house on the site named The Vine Branch had been destroyed by fire. In his earlier years especially Mr. Wavell took an active interest in public affairs, serving some five triennial periods as a member of the Town Council. Politically he was a moderate Liberal, and, although admitting that the party was opposed to his business interests, he remained loyal to it. He was also one of the original members of the Newport Company of the Isle of Wight Volunteer Regiment, and a senior member and Past Master of the Albany Lodge of Freemasons, and had held provincial rank in the Craft, Arch, and Mark degrees. He resided for many years at the Cottage, Alvington, Carisbrooke, and for a time, subsequently, at West Mill House. He enjoyed excellent health until a year or so ago, was able to ride a tricycle when well over 80, and had only been confined to the house for about six weeks. His wife died about 10 years ago. He leaves three sons and three daughters. The funeral will take place to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon at 2 o'clock from the house, the interment being at Carisbrooke Cemetery.

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### **FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. J. H. WAVELL.**

The remains of Mr. Joseph Henry Wavell, of Manora, Medina-avenue, Newport, for 60 years the licensee of the Vine Inn, whose death at the age of 90, we recorded last week, were interred at Carisbrooke Cemetery on Sunday afternoon, in the presence of a large gathering of Masonic brethren and friends. The Vicar of St. John's (the Rev. W. H. Mackinnon) officiated, and also read the Masonic funeral oration at the graveside. The personal mourners attending were Messrs. J. H., W. J., and H. A. Wavell (sons). Messrs. Claude and Martin Wavell and Wavell Wale (grandsons). Mr. K. O. Longman (son-in-law), Messrs. Ross Stark and W. Knight (nephews), Mrs. W. Knight, and Messrs. R. Bird Cheverton. J. P., H.T. Read, A. Wood, G. Long, and W. Godwin.

Those also attending included the Mayor of Newport (Mr. W. Blake, T.C.), and the Town Clerk (Mr. T. Ross Pratt), Ald. A. E. Harvey, J.P., Mr. W. J. Whittington, J.P., Mr and Mrs. Meaden, Mr. F. Barnes, and the following Masonic brethren; P.M.s of Albany Lodge 151, Wor. Bros, the Rev. W. H. Mackinnon, P. P, G. Chap., G. A. Brannon, H. W. Horan, H. G. Groundsell, W. L. Bright, R. F. Wray, F. Burton, W. C. Black, F. Morgan, E. A. Kime, A. H. Dockrill, J. McKeown, J. C. Millgate, and F. Shepard; and Bros, N. H. T. Mursell, J. B. Alderslade, F. H. W. Yelf, W. J. Rugg, A. Mearman, T. Nobbs, T.H. Alexander, E. O. White, R. T. Brackey, C. Allen, R. H. George, W. M. Alderslade, H. H. Gould, Dr. J. H. Mckay, A. J. Hitching, M. J. W. Attrill, C.A. Good, and W. E. Kebbell. There were a number of beautiful floral tributes, including a Masonic floral emblem from Albany Lodge. Mr. Bullock efficiently made the arrangements. — We have received the following appreciation of the deceased from one who signs himself “A strong lover of a real Christian”: “As an admirer of the straightest gentleman that ever lived, perhaps a few further actual facts of his life might be of interest to your numerous readers. As a very small boy, I have heard him tell that he was seen on to the four-horse coach in Holborn for Mill Hill School (five miles the north side of London), where he was for some years. He and a young boy friend were, I believe, the first on the Island to take a photograph (with a camera made out of cigar-box and the glasses out of an old telescope as lens), a good picture of the original St. Thomas’s Church being secured, but owing to their being unable then to make the correct ‘fixing’ bath, the print faded away. Also he made early in life many journeys on an old ‘bone-shaker’ cycle. These connections with the past appeal more than ever to us in this our own swift moving existence.” — The members of the family of the late Mr. J. H. Wavell. Sen., beg to return their sincere thanks for the many letters of sympathy received, and also to those persons sending flowers at the funeral.

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