

George William Woods

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The Late Mr. G. W. Woods. The death occurred at St. Mary's Hospital on Sunday of Mr. George William Woods, aged 85, of 4 Clarendon Street. Born at Bembridge, he started work at the age of nine on a farm for 1s. a week and keep. In those days he would walk to work from Briddlesford to Shanklin, starting at 5 o'clock in the morning and returning home in the dark. Later he became a millwright and stone dresser at the Upper Shide Mill, employed by Mr. Knight, and later by Mr. P. Hollis. Later, as a drayman for the Royal Brewery, Mr. Woods became a familiar figure at Royal Agricultural shows, winning numerous prizes with his pair of horses. He retired when he was 67, but during the war started to work again as an odd-job man until he was 81. He spent a lot of his spare time working for his son-in-law at Champion Farm, Rookley. A keen cyclist, he was one of the first to ride a penny-farthing bicycle down St. John's Road and was also riding a cycle until he was 80 years old. Mr. Woods was also one of the oldest Island members of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows. He was married at St. John's Church in 1891, and leaves a widow, two sons, and three daughters, with whom much sympathy is felt. The Vicar of St. John's Church (the Rev. S. F. Cooper) conducted the funeral service, held at Carisbrooke Cemetery on Thursday.

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