

Horace Groves

1891 England, Wales & Scotland Census
Glen Cottage, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight, Hampshire, England

Name	Relationship	Status	Age	Occupation	Birthplace
Joseph Groves	Head	Single	51	Physician, Medical officer	Newport, IOW
<i>Horace Groves</i>	<i>Brother</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>No occupation</i>	<i>Newport, IOW</i>
Sarah A. Hurd	Servant	Single	36	Domestic servant	Romsey, Hants

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YESTERDAY

SUDDEN DEATH IN THE NEWPORT CRICKET GROUND OF MR. HORACE GROVES

We regret to announce the sudden death in the Cricket Ground, Newport, yesterday (Friday) afternoon, of Mr. Horace Groves, youngest son of the late Mr. Joseph Groves, of Newport and Glen Cottage, Carisbrooke, and brother of Dr. Groves, J.P., medical officer of health for the rural district of the Isle of Wight.

The deceased gentleman, who was of a most kindly and genial disposition and held in warm regard by a wide circle of friends, came into the Newport Cricket Ground with Mr. Harry Knight, of Shide, between 4 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon, to witness the game in progress between the Newport and Deanery (Southampton) Clubs. They proceeded to the pavilion, and some 20 minutes after the deceased was observed to be resting his forehead within his hands on the edge of the table in front of which he was sitting. In reply to an inquiry by Mr. N. Mursell, who was sitting near, he complained of a pain in the back of his head, but said he did not need a doctor. Thinking he had only a headache he was left quiet, but half an hour later he suddenly sat up and fell backwards to the ground.

He was immediately picked up by Mr. Mursell, with the assistance of a waiter, and supported on his seat by the former. He was asked to take some brandy, but refused, saying "No, thanks, old man", in a distinct voice. Insensibility gradually followed. Meanwhile, medical aid had been summoned, and Dr. Thompson, who was among the spectators of the match, and Dr. C. H. Russell, of Southampton, one of the visiting teams, were present within a few moments. They at once pronounced the case to be most serious, and quickly adopted such remedial measures as their skill suggested, but unhappily without avail, and the unfortunate gentleman expired at 10 minutes to 6.

The match was of course at once stopped, and the sad event created an intense sensation as the news rapidly spread. Dr. Groves is absent from the Island attending the meeting of the British Medical Association at Carlisle. Dr. Coombs, who has been acting for him in his absence, was soon on the spot, accompanied by Mr. Leonard Groves, brother, and Mr. Robert Pinnock, J.P., brother-in-law of deceased. The body was subsequently removed to the deceased's residence under the superintendence of those gentlemen and Dr. Thompson, with Mr. Robert Smith and Mr. Mursell.

We understand that the cause of death was apoplexy, leading to paralysis of the respiratory centre.

In the past deceased had rendered very valuable public service as the very assiduous and courteous hon. secretary for a number of years of the Isle of Wight Chrysanthemum Society and the Horticultural Exhibition of the Royal Isle of Wight Agricultural Society, which posts he only relinquished two or three years ago, and he was also a leading member of various orders of Freemasonry.

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FUNERAL OF MR. HORACE GROVES.

The terrible sudden death of Mr. Horace Groves in the Newport Cricket-ground on Friday of last week was reported in our issue of the following day. The funeral took place amid widespread manifestations of respect and esteem on Wednesday last, and was attended, in addition to the relatives, by a large number of sorrowing friends, including many members of the various orders of Freemasonry, in which the deceased gentleman occupied a high position, representatives of the Newport Cricket Club, the Chrysanthemum Society, and other associations with which he was connected, and many private friends.

Leaving the house about 11.30 a.m., the long procession proceeded to Carisbrooke Church, where the first part of the Burial Service was performed, the officiating clergy being the Rev. A. W. Milroy, vicar of Carisbrooke, Rev. P. G. U. Pickering, chaplain of the Albany Lodge of Freemasons, and the Rev. A. T. Richardson, curate-in-charge of Gatcombe and J.W. of the Ryde Lodge. The vicar of Carisbrooke recited the opening sentences of the Burial office, and the lesson was read by Mr. Pickering, who, with his deeply sympathetic voice, interpreted the grand chapter from Corinthians in a manner which produced a profound impression. Mr. J. T. Read, the organist of the church, was in his place, with a number of the choir, and the hymns "When our heads are bowed with woe" and "They will be done" were impressively sung.

The interment took place in the family burying-ground at Newport Cemetery, and as the procession passed through the town from Carisbrooke shops and other places of business were seen all along the route to be partially or entirely closed and blinds drawn in the private houses.

The same impressiveness marked the performance of the services at the graveside, where the Rev. P. G. U. Pickering again officiated, as far as the committal to the grave, and the concluding prayers were read by the Rev. A. T. Richardson. The brass plate of the polished elm coffin was engraved "Horace Groves, died July 31, 1896. Aged 45 years". Mr. S. Chiverton, of Newport, was the undertaker.

The chief mourners were Dr. Groves, J.P., Mr. Leonard Groves, and Mr. Fred Groves, of Reading, brothers; Mr. R. Pinnock, J.P., brother-in-law, The Mayor of Ryde (Ald. E. Groves), Mr. James Roach, Mr. John Roach, Mr. R. Roach Pittis, J.P., and Mr. Seymour Pittis, cousins; Mr. C. Bernard Pinnock, nephew; and Mr. James Mearman.

The Newport Cricket Club was represented by two of its vice-presidents (the Rev. H. Edmund Sharpe, vicar of Newport, and Mr. James George, J.P.) and its hon. secretary, Mr. W. D. Hutton. In reference to the connection of the deceased with this Club an esteemed correspondent writes: "Keenly interested in the game and winning the regard of all members by his geniality and the heartiness of his manner, it was the spontaneous wish of the Club that every possible token of respect should be shown to the memory of Mr. Horace Groves in the last sad scene of all. A beautiful wreath inscribed 'In loving memory: Members of the Newport Cricket Club', was laid upon the coffin, the flag upon the ground was flown at half-mast during the ceremony, and the Club was represented by a specially appointed deputation."

The I. W. Chrysanthemum Society, of which the deceased was for some years the very energetic hon. secretary, was represented by his successor in that office (Mr. A. E. Cave), Mr. J. Gash, Mr. Tom Brown,

and Mr. J. Linington. Mr. Morris and Mr. Taplin, of the same Society, were unable to attend, as they had desired to do.

Amongst many others following in carriages or on foot were the Rev. W. J. Jupp and Messrs. Edgar Clarke (Wootton), W. and A. Ray (Marl Hill, Carisbrooke), J. H. Sharland, E. Hawker, George Way, C.A., Arthur Wood, G. W. F. Trenchard, J. E. Milligan, H. Innes Wilkins, &c.

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