

John Henry Knighton

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WELL-KNOWN FARMER AND METHODIST

DEATH OF MR. J. H. KNIGHTON

The death on Saturday of Mr. John Henry Knighton, aged 79, of Colyton House, Clatterford Road, Carisbrooke, has removed one who was well known and respected in the spheres of agriculture and Methodism. Born at East Cowes, he farmed for many years at Alverstone, on the Osborne Estate, where he was in partnership with his late father, Mr. Thomas Knighton. In the early years of the century he moved to North Fairlee Farm and remained there until his retirement in 1931. He was one of the best known members of the Royal I.W. Agricultural Society, a member of the general and finance committees, and a well-known figure at the annual shows as the steward responsible for the heavy horse classes.

Mr. Knighton served for some years as a member of the Rural District Council, originally representing the Whippingham division, which disappeared on the review of county districts in 1933. Equally well known as a Methodist, Mr. Knighton was throughout his life associated with the work of the Newport Pyle Street (formerly Wesleyan) Methodist Church, where he held various offices, and he was also a trustee of other churches in the circuit.

On his retirement he lived for a short time at Totland and had since resided at Carisbrooke, where he took a keen and active interest in the Cottage Garden Society and the Conservative Association.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, a service at the Pyle Street Methodist Church being largely attended by Methodists and representatives of organisations with which he had been connected. The Rev. C. Cardy (minister), who officiated, paid tribute to Mr. Knighton's services to the community and his favourite hymns, "Jesu, Lover of my soul" and "Abide with me" were sung.

The mourners were Mrs. H. Russell and Mr. and Mrs. Downton (daughters and son-in-law), Mr. W. Brown, of Huntingdon, Miss D. Groome, Mrs. Maffey, Mrs. Weeks, and Mrs. W. Knighton (cousins), Mr. and Mrs. H. Corke (nephew and niece), and the Misses D. Comer, Russell, and Hughes. The interment was in the family burial place at Newport Cemetery, where are also buried his wife, who died in 1941, and his second daughter, who died at an early age. The many floral tributes included those from the Carisbrooke Cottage Garden Society and the officers and members of the Pyle Street Methodist Church, Newport. Mr. W. W. Wells made the arrangements.

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