

George Henry Wallbridge

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Death of Mr. G. H. Walbridge.--An old and esteemed townsman, Mr. George Henry Wallbridge, aged 78, of 13 Holyrood-street, passed away on Monday morning, leaving a widow and one daughter (Mrs. F. W. H. Cool). Mr. Wallbridge had spent his whole life in the borough and for 58 years was a valued employee of Messrs. Bright and Minns, retiring about six years ago. In his early days he was an enthusiastic citizen soldier, rising to the rank of colour-sergeant in the Newport companies of the I.W. Rifle Volunteers, and his other activities included keen membership of the local Court of Foresters, the hon. treasurership of the Island District of the Sanctuary of Shepherds, and many years' membership of the committee of the Newport Football Club. He was a direct descendant of the Wallbridge family, of Arreton, one of whom, Elizabeth Wallbridge, gained fame as "The dairyman's daughter," whose sanctity is immortalised in Legh Richmond's book "The annals of the poor," and whose gravestone in Arreton Churchyard is still the object of much interest to visitors. The funeral took place on Wednesday, the Rev. E. G. Keed, pastor of the Castlehold Baptist Church, where the deceased worshipped, officiating at a service at the house and at the interment in Newport Cemetery. The widow was unable to attend. The family mourners were Mr. and Mrs. F. W. H. Cool (son-in-law and daughter), Mesdames Lakeman and W. Martin (sisters-in-law), Messrs. A. L. and W. Hayles (nephews), Mrs. W. Hayles, and Mrs. W. H. Cool. Others attending included Messrs. W. L. Bright and W. O. Minns (of Messrs. Bright and Minns), J. C. Williams (representing Court Island Foresters), W. J. Rugg, W. H. Croucher and S. E. and H. Leigh.

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