

**William Thomas Coombes**

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**NEWPORT**

**Well Known Harness Maker's Death.**

An esteemed tradesman had been removed by the death of Mr. William Thomas Coombes, head of the saddlery and harness makers' business at 87 Upper St. James's-street, which bears his name. Mr. Coombes, who was 67 years of age, passed away after a long illness at the Lambeth Hospital, S.E.11, on Wednesday, where he had been a patient for seven weeks. He took over the management of the business in 1922. He was a member of the Earl Yarborough Lodge of Oddfellows, and formerly served in the I.W. Volunteers. He leaves a widow and a family of three sons and three daughters, with whom sincere sympathy is felt. Deceased's son Charles met his death in a tragic motor-cycling accident at Wootton four years ago. The business is being carried on by his second son, Mr. H. T. Coombes. The funeral will take place on Monday at St. John's Church at 3 p.m.

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**NEWPORT**

**Funeral of Veteran Saddler.**

The funeral of Mr. William Thomas Coombes, head of the saddlery and harness business at Nodehill, whose death at the Lambeth Hospital was recorded last week, took place at St. John's Church on Monday. The services was conducted by the Rev. G. P. Bassett Kerry. The mourners were the widow, Messrs. H. T., W., and J. Coombes (sons), Mesdames F. Smith and S. Croutier and Miss F. Coombes (daughters), Mrs. H. T. Coombes (daughter-in-law), Messrs. F. Smith and S. Croutier (sons-in-law), Mesdames R. Jones and Trussler (sisters), Messrs. Trussler and G. Russell (brothers-in-law), and Mr. E. Way. Among others present were Messrs. J. B. Alderslade and A. Scott (trustees) and C. V. Cheverton (secretary), representing the Earl Yarborough Lodge of Oddfellows, Mesdames Munt and Hatcher, Miss Douse, and Messrs. A. Cottell, A. Cuthbert, O. C. Hamilton, J. Wavell, J. Shutler, W. Upton, W. H. and W. Bullock, and G. Arnold. The interment was at Newport Cemetery, and the arrangements were made by Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son.

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