

Albert James Jones

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CASTLE GATE-KEEPER'S DEATH - The death occurred on Monday, at the age of 93, of Mr. Albert James Jones, of 69 Elm-grove. Had he lived until Friday he would have attained the age of 94. A native of Bembridge, he was employed for over 20 years by the old Brading Harbour Company and in 1899 went to Carisbrooke Castle, where he was gate-keeper until his retirement in May, 1926. In August of that year he and Mrs. Jones were presented to Queen Mary when she visited H.R.H. Princess Beatrice at the Castle, and nearly every year the Royal Governor visited Mr. Jones at his house and spent about a quarter of an hour in conversation with him. Besides his second wife, whom he married nearly 25 years ago, he leaves in bereavement three sons and five daughters of the first marriage. The funeral was on Thursday, the service being held in the Parish Church. The Vicar of St. John's (the Rev W.H. Mackinnon) officiated. The family mourners were Mrs. Jones (widow), Messrs. Herbert and Stanley Jones (sons), Mr. and Mrs. C. Sheath (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs. F. Hayles (daughter), Mrs. Harry Jones (daughter-in-law) and Mrs. K. Meaning (cousin). Others present included Mrs. F. Templeton Mew, the Mayoress of Newport (Mrs. F.J.T. Mew), Mr. and Mrs. A. Moorman, Miss De Pledge, Miss Morey, and Mrs. W.H. Downer. The interment followed at Newport Cemetery. Among the wreaths was one from H.R.H. Princess Beatrice "in memory of past days," and one from Mrs. Hay-Newton (lady-in-waiting). Messrs. H. and F. Damp were the undertakers.

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