

James John Linington

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NEWPORT

Death of Mr. J. J. Linington. — The sudden death, on Monday, at 54 Victoria-road, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. Cousins, his son-in-law and daughter, of Mr. James John Linington has removed a familiar figure from the town. Mr. Linington, who was 75, was the last surviving son of Mr. W. Selby Linington, of Bellemeade, Cross-lane, and in early life took up floriculture, specialising in chrysanthemums, in the cultivation of which he was most successful, winning many prizes at local shows. For 25 years, until the removal of the Market from St. James's-square to South-street, he was the market toll collector, and as such became well known, particularly to the Island agricultural community. He was a man of decided opinions, which he fearlessly expressed. In younger days he was a keen and skilful member of the Newport Cricket Club, and was one of the earliest members of the old St. Paul's Band, playing the piccolo, and of the I.W. Horticultural Association. He had an extensive knowledge of horticulture gained by experience, and was particularly fond of animals and birds. In recent years he had formed a close friendship with the seagulls which frequented the upper reaches of the Medina estuary, and on most days was on the Quay feeding his feathered friends. So well did they know him that that they would quickly respond to his call and come gliding down to him, and often a flock of 50 or more would gather. In his youth he was one of the local party of Christmas Boys, who carried on the old custom of Yuletide itinerant entertainment, and he was also a member of the Earl Yarborough Lodge of Oddfellows. He never fully recovered from the shock of his wife's death rather more than a year ago. He leaves four married daughters, with whom sympathy is felt. The funeral will take place at St Paul's Church to-day (Saturday) at 2.30.

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PRESS – 24 August 1940

NEWPORT

The Late Mr. J. J. Linington. – The funeral of Mr. James John Linington, of 27 Victoria-road, whose sudden death at the age of 75 was reported last week, took place on Saturday, the Rev. H. G. Kelsey officiating. The first part of the service was held in St. Paul's Church and the interment at St. Paul's Cemetery. The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Kelleway (son-in-law and daughter), the former also representing Mrs. Plummer (eldest daughter), who was unable to attend, Mr. and Mrs. C. Cousins and Mr. and Mrs. H. Porter (sons-in-law and daughters), Mr. and Mrs. G. Ranger and Mr. G. Attrill (brothers-in-law and daughter), and Mr. S. Linington. Those also present included Messrs. E. R. Dore, C.C., F. Heal, Upward, and F. Wyatt (Oddfellows). There were many floral tributes.

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