

Henry Swadling

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DEATH OF MR. H. SWADLING.- An esteemed resident, and one who was a familiar figure in the town carrying on his calling of a shell fish merchant, passed away on Sunday, after only about a week's illness from pneumonia, in the person of Mr. Henry Swadling, of 12 High-street. The late Mr. Swadling, who was 69, came to the town just over 30 years ago as a grocer's assistant, and after being employed by Ald. A. E. Harvey, Mr. E. Munden, and Messrs. Upward and Rich, went into business on his own account as a fish merchant, occupying in succession premises in St. Thomas's Square, Coppins Bridge, and at 12 High-street. In his younger days at Abingdon, Berks, Mr. Swadling was a prominent mile runner and boxer, and for some years after coming to the Island he took a keen interest in both these sports, being a teacher of boxing and a trainer of young athletes, and frequently officiating as timekeeper at local sports meetings. His good sportsmanship made him popular in these connections and he was also a well known figure on entertainment platforms as a very skilful manipulator of the bones, as a bass singer, and as a dramatic recitalist. He was ever ready to use his talents in support of any worthy cause, and at one time sang in the Parish Church choir. His wife died some years ago, and he leaves one son, who is in business in Southampton. The funeral took place on Wednesday, the Rev. G. C. Seymour (rector of Wootton), officiating at a service in St. Paul's Church and at the interment at St. Paul's Cemetery. The chief mourners were Mr. and Mrs. H. Swadling (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. E. Croad, and Mrs. Ireland, and those also at the church were Miss Atkinson, Mrs. Woodland, and Mr. W. G. Sibbick (representing the St. John's Athletic Club). There were a number of floral tributes. Messrs. W. H. Bullock and Son made the arrangements. - The members of the family wish to thank Dr. Foster, Nurse Richardson, and Nurse Cooper for their care and attention, and also neighbours and friends for their sympathy and the flowers sent.

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