William Reed

1891 Census, Buckbury Cottage, Whippingham

William Reed Head 56 Veterinary Surgeon F.R.C.S Niton, Isle of Wight Mary Reed Sister 43 House Keeper Niton, Isle of Wight

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MR. WILLIAM REED OF STAPLERS.

When Mr. William Reed, of Staplers, died last week, what was a familiar personality throughout the Isle of Wight and in the market-place of Newport at a comparatively recent date passed from amongst us. He was born 66 years ago at Laceys Farm, Niton, which his father, Mr. George Reed, occupied many years. They were of the Reeds of Whitwell – that, until lately, remote Island village occupied by certain families apparently from time immemorial. Mr. William Reed followed the old rural calling of horse and cattle doctor, until increasing infirmities debarred him from it five or six years ago. He had a considerable reputation and would appear to have been singularly successful in the treatment of the deceases of cattle. Like the success in the treatment of some diseases by the empirics of India, his was probably due in some measures to the use of nostrums handed down throughout many generations from father to son.

He was buried at St. Paul's Barton, on Tuesday, the Rev. H.W. Nutter, M.A., officiating. There were present at the funeral Mr. S. Beeden and Mr. Russell, of Whitwell (brothers-in-law), Messrs. Edward Beeden, Thomas Russell, Leonard Russell, and Smith (nephews), Messrs. Shepherd and Harry Shepherd (cousins), Mr. Calloway, of Long-lane Farm, Mr. Decombe, of Buckbury, and Dr. Groves. Mr/S. Chiverton conducted the arrangements.

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