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Nonagenarian's Death. - The death occurred at St. Mary's Hospital Newport, on Monday of Mr. Thomas PINDER, of 16 Simeon Street, who was in his 96<sup>th</sup> year and affectionately known to many as "the grand old man of Simeon Street." Mr. PINDER, who lived with his daughter, Miss B. PINDER, a retired school mistress, was a Yorkshireman and had lived in the town for 21 years. He was the last of the male line of a large family of PINDER's, who for generations had been connected with agriculture and farming. He was a foreman horse-keeper with a firm of carriers before his retirement and often attributed his long life to a healthy, outdoor upbringing. He was particularly proud of his family history, which can be traced back to 1376, when a Michael PINDER granted the loan of a field at South Cave in the East Riding to EDWARD III for the purpose of an annual fair. Mr. PINDER came to the Island in 1930 with his wife and lived in the School House at Chillerton, where their daughter was head mistress. Later they moved to Ryde, where she was appointed head mistress at the Gassiot Girls' School. Mrs. PINDER died six years ago. Although totally blind for the last year, Mr. PINDER had a contented mind and worshipped regularly at the Congregational Church, of which he was the oldest member, until last Easter. Apart from a life-long interest in church work he spent many hours gardening.

A service at the Congregational Church on Thursday was conducted by the minister (the Rev. G.J. NELSON), and the only family mourner was Miss PINDER (daughter) her married sister being in Ontario. The interment was at Ryde Cemetery.

Messrs. Wheeler Brothers made the arrangements.

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