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Abode: The Homestead, Monkton-street, Ryde, IW.

John V.BLAKE. Head. M. 55. Veterinary Surgeon. Crewkerne, Somerset.

Elizabeth BLAKE. Wife. M. 55. Liverpool, Lancashire.

James C.BLAKE. Son. S. 25. Veterinary Surgeon. Liverpool, Lancashire.

Elizabeth M.BLAKE. Dau. S. 21. Drapers Assistant. Ryde, IW.

Harold M.BLAKE. Son. S. 17. Drapers Assistant. Ryde, IW.

George A.F.BLAKE. Son. S. 16. Ryde, IW.

Ethel M.BLAKE. Dau. 13. Ryde, IW.

Nellie BLAKE. Dau. 11. Ryde, IW.

William T.BLAKE. Son. S. 23. Ladies Tailor. Ryde, IW.

Alfred H.BLAKE. Son. S. 19. Drapers Assistant. Ryde, IW.

Rose WOOLDRIDGE. Serv. 22. Housemaid Domestic. Wootton, IW.

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THE FUNERAL OF MR. JOHN VICKERS BLAKE M.R.C.V.S.

.. who died on the previous Tuesday at the advanced age of 82, took place on Saturday afternoon, the interment at the Cemetery following a short service at Holy Trinity Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. N.H.STUBBS). The mourners were Messrs. J. Cowper BLAKE, Harry BLAKE, Harold BLAKE, and Arthur BLAKE (sons), and Messrs. E. and F. SHEPPERD (employees). Among those present at the church were the Mayoress (Mrs. J.B.PURNELL), Miss PURNELL, Mrs. and Miss WYLES, Miss WHITEHOUSE, Miss PELLEW, Miss GILMOUR, Major J.N.MEARES, Major C.L.ELLERY, Messrs. E.CARTER, J.P., H.SWEETMAN, J.P., P.THELLUSSON, J.P., W.R.TAYLOR, J.P., C.A.GOOD, M.R.C.V.S. (Newport), A.E.BATT, M.R.C.V.S., F.W.RANDALL, J.P., J.G.FARDELL, Rowland RUSSELL, J.G.DUFFETT, S.ATTWOOD, George YOUNG, A.G.YOUNG, M.J.OSBORNE, E.A.LOWE, E.C.DIBBENS, L.SOUTER, B.H.GULLIVER, E.R.RATCLIFFE, F.C.CHEESEWRIGHT, K.SOUTER (representing his father, Mr. W.E.SOUTER), G.H.FRENCH, J.B.COOMBES, E.C.LOADER, J.H.ADAMS, D.BILES (Newport), A.GALE, H.PLUMBLEY (Kemp Hill Farm), and G.W.LAKE (Havenstreet), and Mr. and Mrs. J.P.COLLINS (Niton). There was a large number of flowers, including a wreath from the Conservative Club, of which Mr. BLAKE was formerly a member. Messrs. PURNELL and PURNELL were the undertakers. Mr. Vickers BLAKE was a native of Crewkerne, Somerset. His father and grandfather were veterinary surgeons, and his son, Mr. J. Cowper BLAKE of Newport also follows that profession. He qualified in 1867, and was one of the oldest practitioners in the United Kingdom. He first practised in Liverpool, where he married Miss COWPER, a descendant of William COWPER, the poet, and came to Ryde 56 years ago. In his younger days he was a skilful horseman and won many races in Somerset. He was interested in all forms of

manly sport. Amongst his activities in Ryde his organisation of the May horse shows will be remembered. At one time these were most interesting events, at which all the well-known local four-in-hand smartly equipped, made a fine display. He was keenly interested in horticulture, his garden always being a picture of careful cultivation, and a clever caricaturist and oil-painter. His skill in his profession was widely recognised. He was an outstanding personality with many estimable qualities, including that of unostentatious benevolence, and he will be much missed in the town.
