

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 15th December 1888

DEATH OF AN OLD INHABITANT.—We have to record the death on Sunday night of Mr John FRENCH, at the great age of 87. For about 50 years deceased was one of our most stalwart Bath chairmen, and was a great favourite, owing to his civility and good nature. He had been laid aside for many years, however, and about a year or so ago Mr. PENTY made an appeal on his behalf. The deceased had a horror of being “buried by the parish,” and wish to secure a few pounds to avoid such a contingency. That appeal we had great pleasure in seconding, and it may interest those who kindly contributed to the fund to know that our aged fellow-townsmen’s remains were interred in a very very decent and respectful manner in the Cemetery on Thursday last.

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