ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 5th June 1886

DEATH OF MR. JAMES MARVIN.- We deeply regret to record the death of our old and respected townsman, Mr. James MARVIN, ironmonger, of Union-street, which occurred with startling suddenness on Monday morning. Mr. MARVIN appeared to be in his usual health on Sunday, and attended church, there being nothing in his appearance to attract attention. He greeted his numerous friends with his usual kindly smile, and many could hardly believe the next morning that, in the brief interval, he had passed away. It seems Mr. MARVIN rose, as usual, about 8, and was stooping forward in act of dressing himself, when he was suddenly seized with a pain in the side and fell. His wife caught him, but being somewhat deaf, was unable to hear what he said. Assistance was at once called, but ere Dr. PLETTS arrived the deceased had breathed his last. Mr. MARVIN was about 70 years of age, and as heart disease has been certified to be the cause of death, an inquest was not considered necessary, it is a remarkable fact that a brother of the deceased, Mr. MARVIN, of Portsmouth, died with equal suddenness, a few years ago, after running to catch a train. The sad occurrence has cast quite a gloom over the lower part of the town, where Mr. MARVIN was so generally known and highly respected. Sound principles, a kind heart, and a love of truth and justice, were prominent characteristics of our departed townsman, and although he took little part in public matters, there were few men in Ryde more genuinely respected.

The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon. A large number of inhabitants attended the mournful ceremony, and almost every shop displayed the usual token of respect.

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