

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 22nd June 1907

**NAVAL VETERAN'S DEATH.** – The death of **Mr. Charles SMITH** took place at his residence, The Mars Hill, Carlton Road, High Park, on Tuesday, after a long illness of about six months duration. Mr. SMITH, who was 71 years of age, was a 1<sup>st</sup> class Petty Officer in the Royal Navy. He was born at Newchurch in 1836 and joined the service on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 1855 and saw a good deal of active service. He was on the Princess Charlotte during the China War and was awarded the China Medal. He was also at the war in New Zealand, being then on the Niger, and was in one of the first boats that landed in New Zealand. He left the service in 1876 and was the possessor of the long service medal in addition to the China Medal and three good conduct badges.

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ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 1907

**NAVAL VETERAN'S FUNERAL.** The funeral of the late **Mr. Charles SMITH** of 1, Mars Hill, Carlton Road, High Park, whose death we recorded in our last issue, took place on Saturday. The first portion of the service took place in St. John's Church the Rev. J. Aikman WILSON officiating, the burial being in St. John's Burying Ground. The coffin was covered with the Union Jack, four Coastguards acting as bearers. There were no flowers, by request. The principal mourners were Mrs. SMITH (widow), Master Rueben SMITH (son), Mr. Peter SMITH and Mr. Osmond SMITH (brothers), Mr. Charles HAIR, Mr. Charles MANNS and Mr. J. BAKER (brothers-in-law), Mrs. GROGAN and Mrs. O. SMITH (sisters-in-law), Mr. Fred SMITH (nephew), Captain Leonard JACKSON, Mr. TAYLOR, Mr. LOCK, Mr. C. WESTGATE and Mrs. MOORMAN.

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