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CENTENARIAN'S DEATH

Passing of Mrs. Sarah Howes

Cambridge suffered the loss of a centenarian on Saturday night,ⁱ when the death of Mrs. Sarah Ann Howes took place.

Mrs. Howes was a native of Cambridge and had celebrated her 101st birthday on Nov. 4th last. She had not been able to leave her residence at Wroxham, Glisson-road since her hundredth birthday, and her chief hobby was knitting. It will be remembered that some of her work was for sale at a recent benefit.

She was a charming old lady, and had many interesting reminiscences of the development of Cambridge. Mrs. Howes was the daughter of Mr. John Galley, a reader at the University Press, and was born at Coronation-street, the house being later pulled down to make room for the premises of the brewers.

For 36 years she had lived at the Glisson-road residence, and was the widow of the late Mr. John Howes, who for many years was head of Messrs. John Howes and Sons, of Regent-street.

"Yes, things are very different to-day, and better, too," Mrs. Howes would say when recalling the past. "The poor people are much better off than they were. People have more sympathy with each other."

She attended the dinner on Parker's Piece celebrating the coronation of Queen Victoria, and remembered the election riots and disputes between the Town and Gown. Another interesting memory was the opening of the Cambridge railway station, and her first journey to Ely by train.

Mrs. Howes came from a family in which old age has rather been the order. Both her father and mother celebrated their 80th birthdays, and her paternal grandfather lived to within six weeks of his hundredth birthday. She received numerous congratulations on her hundredth birthday, including a message from his Majesty the King.

THE FUNERAL

The funeral took place at the Mill-road Cemetery on Wednesday. The service in the chapel and at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. W. Greenwood, M.A., Vicar of St. Bene't's.

The principal mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Howes (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. Neville Howes, Coventry (son), Mr. Ralph Howes, Oxford (son), Mrs. M. S. Alliston and Mr. C. J. Alliston (daughter and grandson), Mr. and Mrs. C. J. R. Wilson (daughter and son-in-law), Mr. C. C. Howes (grandson) and Mrs. C. C. Howes, Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Bays (granddaughter).

Others present at the cemetery included: Miss Addison, Mrs. H. Macintosh, Mrs. Arthur Walker, Mrs. A. Wright, Mrs. H. E. Wilson, Mr. George W. Gray, Mr. G. Clark, Mr. H. Witt, Mr. A. Savil.

Wreaths and flowers were received as follows:— In loving memory, Charles and Bessie; With love to mother, from Jessie, Hal, Doris and Florrie, at Masham; With love and happy memories, from Alice, Jim and Cyril; With happy memories and loving thoughts, from Edith, Cecil and Barbara; In affectionate remembrance, from Sidney and Dorothy (Manchester); In loving memory, from Kathleen and Philip; With love, from Ralph, Lizzie and family, Oxford; In affectionate remembrance, from Marjorie, Phyllis and Charlie (High Wycombe); John, Clarence and Gladys; Walter and Ethel and great-grandchildren Elizabeth and Jim; all at “Carlyon” (Bournemouth); Ida, May and Bernard; Mr. and Mrs. John H. Leach and family; Mrs. A. Wright; J. Powell; Floss; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Chapman; Rev. and Mrs. William Greenwood and Mrs. Eagleton.

The family of the late Mrs. John Howes desire to thank all kind friends sincerely for their messages of sympathy and for the beautiful flowers.

Messrs. F. J. and T. E. Prime carried out the funeral arrangements.

ⁱ i.e. 16 January, 1932.