



Obituary

Stephen Wentworth of Bishopstone, 1880

Death of an old Inhabitant

We have to record the death of the oldest inhabitant of this parish.

Mr. Stephen Wentworth, carrier, which occurred on Monday night last, at the ripe old age of 93. Mr Wentworth, although he had met with accident upon accident during his life, has enjoyed, otherwise, robust health up to within a very few days of his decease.

He followed his usual occupation till he had reached the great age of 80. He was a noted bell ringer of fifty years' standing, and on several occasions, in different parts of the country, was successful in matches. On the last occasion he rang in this parish, only a few years since, he was unable to put his dress on after without assistance.

Since he attained the age of 80 years, the parish has done justice to a good servant by giving him a dowry bringing in early £29 a year. The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon, at St. Mary's churchyard. A numerous procession of friends following deceased to his last resting place.

The Rev. H. R. Crump was the officiating minister. Both before and after the service the Church bells were rung, "Rock of Ages" before, and a muffled peal after.

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