



GWR Police Cap Badge

Death of Benjamin Slade 1935

Mr Benjamin Slade (74), a former detective inspector in the Special Police Department of the Great Western Railway, died at his residence, 27 Portland Street, Taunton, on Monday after a long illness.

Deceased was a native of Bremhill, Wiltshire. In 1882 he joined the GWR as a uniformed constable at Bristol, and rose to the rank of detective inspector before he came to Taunton in 1916. He was six years in the town and then retired on pension. His wife died two years ago. His son, Mr E Slade, is a sergeant attached to the GWR Police Department in London.

Representatives of the GWR police attended the funeral at St Mary's Cemetery on Thursday afternoon. They were Divisional Inspector Townsend, Divisional Inspector Stellard, Inspector Vowles, Inspector White, Inspector Leybourne and Sergeant Williams. The Curare of St Mary's, Rev E J Cheverton officiated.

The principal mourners were Mr E Slade, London (son). Mr and Mrs A Parker, Taunton (son-in-law and daughter), Mr E ??? Taunton (???) Mrs R Gough, Bristol (niece), Mrs J Whittle, Taunton (friend).

Floral tributes were sent by the following:-

Chief of Police, Mr J H Matthews and officers; his children and grandchildren; his niece, Mrs R Gough; Mr and Mrs J Whittle; Mr and Mrs P Clarke; Mr and Mrs Fish; Mrs Smith and family.

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