

# *Hooe Bereavements From Local Newspapers*

## *Introduction*

The following reports came, mainly, from the “Bexhill Chronicle” and the “Bexhill Observer”, but there are a few that I found in other newspapers.

These people may well be the ancestors of persons alive today so I thought that, rather than ignoring these reports, I would transcribe them for the interest of others. Again, I transcribed them, mainly, because of the poor quality of the photocopies that I was able to get - but, in transcribing them, searching for a name, and, therefore, the possible discovery of an ancestor, becomes relatively easy – so, though it was hard work, it’s all for the best, I suppose!

I have included the full list of wreaths, and mourners, etc., as they were part of the original report.

The period I have tried to cover is from 1891, when the Chronicle began publication, and 1946, when my grandfather died. The cut-off date, of 1946, is not only to, hopefully, keep from upsetting relatives and descendents but, also, to avoid infringing the Data Protection Act in any way, which I believe and hope I have done. It, also, keeps me out of the more modern times – basically, my teenage years! Before 1946, I will accept is, probably, old history, but after 1946, it’s, definitely, not – it’s like yesterday!

For those who may wish to know, but as a matter of interest, the “Bexhill Chronicle” began publication in 1891 and ceased in 1930 when it was taken over by the “Bexhill-on-Sea Observer”, which first went into print in 1896 and is, still, of course, going today.

The titles, in blue, at the beginning of each extract, are the headings given in the newspaper so anyone who wishes to read the original article knows what to look for. I didn’t take any note of the page numbers, which, in hindsight, would have made the reports that much easier to find and, for that, I apologise!

The list, on the next page, is in order of “**SURNAME**” while the reports, themselves, are in “**CHRONOLOGICAL**” order.

This file is in “pdf” format, so, from the list, select the name you want and enter it in the search facility of “Adobe Acrobat Reader”. For those not familiar with “Acrobat”, this can be done with any name or any word for which you wish to search; if you’re reading this you obviously have the “Reader”, so, take a look around and you’ll find the “search” box and button.

At the time of this publication, I am nowhere near even halfway through all the extracts I have collected – it’s, just, time of which I am short so bear with me, please.

Any information that anyone can add or correct would be very much appreciated.



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### *Bereavement Contents*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Death or Funeral</b>	<b>Newspaper</b>
1891 Oct 10	<b>Freeman</b>	James	Death	Sussex Express
1891 Nov 27	<b>Routh</b>	John Oswald (Rev.)	Funeral	Bexhill Chronicle
1900 Jan 05	<b>Routh</b>	Hannah Gain (Miss)	Funeral	Bexhill Chronicle
1912 Jan 20	<b>Sargent</b>	George	Death	Bexhill Chronicle
1912 Jan 27	<b>Sargent</b>	George	Funeral	Bexhill Chronicle
1912 Mar 02	<b>Isted</b>	Eliza	Death & Funeral	Bexhill Chronicle
1912 Mar 02	<b>Vitler</b>	Alfred	Death	Bexhill Chronicle
1912 Mar 09	<b>Vitler</b>	Alfred	Funeral	Bexhill Chronicle
1914 Aug 22	<b>Vitler</b>	George	Death	Bexhill Chronicle
1915 Feb 20	<b>Miller</b>	Isaac John	Death	Bexhill Chronicle
1915 Jul 31	<b>Plester</b>	William	Funeral	Bexhill Chronicle
1915 Nov 06	<b>Noakes</b>	Thomas	Death	Bexhill Chronicle
1915 Dec 18	<b>Dodson</b>	S. (Mrs)	Funeral	Bexhill Chronicle
1916 Feb 19	<b>Sargent</b>	G. (Mrs)	Funeral	Bexhill Chronicle
1916 Feb 26	<b>Deeproose</b>	A. E. (Master)	Death	Bexhill Chronicle
1916 Apr 01	<b>Ransome</b>	Henry	Death	Bexhill Chronicle
1917 Jan 06	<b>Mephram</b>	Margaret (Mrs)	Death	Bexhill Chronicle
1917 Jan 27	<b>Vitler</b>	Annie	Funeral	Bexhill Chronicle
1918 Nov 16	<b>Smith</b>	Marian Sari	Funeral	Bexhill Chronicle
1919 Feb 08	<b>Pocock</b>	C. (Mrs)	Death	Bexhill Chronicle
1920 Dec 11	<b>Smith</b>	William Rowland	Death	Bexhill Observer
1921 Jan 15	<b>Routh</b>	Cuthbert (Rev.)	Death	Bexhill Chronicle
1922 May 20	<b>Pilbeam</b>	Sarah Naomi (Mrs)	Death	Bexhill Observer
1924 May 10	<b>Clifton</b>	John	Death & Funeral	Bexhill Observer
1924 May 17	<b>Clifton</b>	John	Funeral	Bexhill Observer
1925 Feb 07	<b>Smith</b>	James	Death	Bexhill Observer
1927 Jan 08	<b>Baby</b>	Un-named	Death	Bexhill Observer
1927 Jan 15	<b>Morris</b>	Thomas	Death	Bexhill Observer
1927 Jan 22	<b>Morris</b>	Thomas	Funeral	Bexhill Observer
1928 Oct 13	<b>Deeproose</b>	Frank Irvin	Death	Bexhill Observer
1930 Oct 18	<b>Deeproose</b>	Louisa	Death	Bexhill Observer
1930 Nov 09	<b>Sargent</b>	Emma (Mrs)	Funeral	Bexhill Observer
1931 Mar 21	<b>Hayward</b>	Richard William	Death	Bexhill Observer
1931 Mar 21	<b>Sheather</b>	James	Death	Bexhill Observer
1931 Apr 18	<b>Pocock</b>	Mrs J. E.	Funeral	Bexhill Observer
1931 July 25	<b>Collins</b>	Charles	Death	Bexhill Observer
1931 Oct 24	<b>Newport</b>	M. M. (Mrs)	Death	Bexhill Observer
1931 Nov 07	<b>Barton</b>	J. (Mr)	Death	Bexhill Observer



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1932 Apr 02	<b>Sargent</b>	Donald	Death	Bexhill Observer
1932 Apr 09	<b>Sargent</b>	Donald	Funeral	Bexhill Observer
1932 Jul 23	<b>Smith</b>	Mr C	Death	Bexhill Observer
1932 Sep 01	<b>Winchester</b>	Mrs L. A.	Death	Bexhill Observer
1932 Nov 05	<b>Cuthbert</b>	S	Funeral	Bexhill Observer
1932 Dec 24	<b>Sellens</b>	S.	Death	Bexhill Observer
1933 Feb 04	<b>Sellens</b>	Frances	Death	Bexhill Observer
1933 Feb 25	<b>Merrony</b>	Walter	Died in Road	Bexhill Observer
1933 Mar 04	<b>Merrony</b>	Walter	Funeral	Bexhill Observer
1933 Mar 04	<b>Gander</b>	T. E	Death	Bexhill Observer
1933 Oct 14	<b>Comber</b>	Charles George	Inquest	Bexhill Observer
1933 Oct 21	<b>Comber</b>	Charles George	Funeral	Bexhill Observer
1934 Jan 13	<b>Coombes</b>	Frances Ellen	Death	Bexhill Observer
1934 Aug 11	<b>Lewis</b>	Thomas	Death	Bexhill Observer
1934 Sep 22	<b>Farmer</b>	William	death	Bexhill Observer
1936 Feb 01	<b>Lade</b>	Albert	Death	Bexhill Observer
1936 Feb 29	<b>Cornford</b>	Mr W. C	Death	Bexhill Observer
1936 Mar 14	<b>Russell</b>	Mr C. J.	Death	Bexhill Observer
1936 Apr 04	<b>Hayes</b>	Alice Mildred	Death	Bexhill Observer
1936 Apr 25	<b>Baker</b>	Arthur Robert	Death	Bexhill Observer
1937 Jul 24	<b>Pocock</b>	Alfred	Death	Bexhill Observer
1937 Sep 25	<b>Leeves</b>	James Thomas	Death	Bexhill Observer
1937 Oct 02	<b>Leeves</b>	James Thomas	Funeral	Bexhill Observer
1937 Oct 09	<b>Pilbeam</b>	James	Funeral	Bexhill Observer
1938 Apr 09	<b>Brown</b>	Harry	Funeral	Bexhill Observer
1938 May 07	<b>Carey</b>	Henry	Death	Bexhill Observer
1938 Jul 09	<b>Lawrence</b>	Mrs S	Funeral	Bexhill Observer
1939 Jan 07	<b>Morris</b>	Charles	Funeral	Bexhill Observer
1939 Jan 14	<b>Pilbeam</b>	Frank	Funeral	Bexhill Observer
1939 Feb 11	<b>Dowse (Rev)</b>	Archibald Wynne Esmond	Death	Bexhill Observer
1939 Feb 18	<b>Carey</b>	Hannah	Death	Bexhill Observer
1939 Feb 18	<b>Dowse (Rev)</b>	Archibald Wynne Esmond	Memorial Service	Bexhill Observer
1939 Feb 25	<b>Carey</b>	Hannah	Funeral	Bexhill Observer
1939 May 20	<b>Cornford</b>	Ivan	Death	Bexhill Observer
1940 Jan 13	<b>James</b>	Mrs	Death	Bexhill Observer
1941 Mar 08	<b>Pocock</b>	Minnie Bertha	Death	Bexhill Observer
1941 Oct 18	<b>Sheather</b>	Frank	Death	Bexhill Observer
1942 Jan 03	<b>Baker</b>	Alfred Thomas	Death	Bexhill Observer



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1942 Feb 07	<b>Pilbeam</b>	Frank	Death	Bexhill Observer
1942 Apr 25	<b>Lewis</b>	Thomas John	Death	Bexhill Observer
1943 Jan 09	<b>Piper</b>	Solomon	Death	Bexhill Observer
1943 Jan 16	<b>Sargent</b>	Frederick Horace	Death	Bexhill Observer
1943 Feb 20	<b>Deeproose</b>	William	Death	Bexhill Observer
1943 Apr 17	<b>Catt</b>	Mary Ann	Death	Bexhill Observer
1943 Jul 31	<b>Luck</b>	James Richard Henry	Funeral	Bexhill Observer
1943 Sep 11	<b>Deeproose</b>	Alice	Funeral	Bexhill Observer
1943 Oct 23	<b>Cuthbert</b>	Ann	Funeral	Bexhill Observer
1944 Jan 01	<b>White-Smith</b>	Henry (Sir)	Death	Bexhill Observer
1944 Jan 08	<b>Lade</b>	Rosina May	Funeral	Bexhill Observer
1944 Jan 08	<b>White-Smith</b>	Henry (Sir)	Memorial Services	Bexhill Observer
1944 Jan 15	<b>White-Smith</b>	Henry (Sir)	Tribute	Bexhill Observer
1944 Mar 04	<b>Burton</b>	Jack	Death	Bexhill Observer
1944 May 20	<b>Fennell</b>	William Cecil	Funeral	Bexhill Observer
1944 Jun 10	<b>Smith</b>	Kate (Mrs)	Funeral	Bexhill Observer
1944 Jul 08	<b>Cramp</b>	Grace Jemima	Funeral	Bexhill Observer
1944 Sep 02	<b>Strange</b>	Monica	Funeral	Bexhill Observer
1944 Nov 04	<b>Hartfield</b>	Henry	Funeral	Bexhill Observer
1945 Mar 03	<b>Lade</b>	(Mrs) (Ninfield)	Funeral	Bexhill Observer
1945 Dec 01	<b>Pilbeam</b>	(Mrs)	Funeral	Bexhill Observer
1946 Feb 09	<b>Vitler</b>	George	Obituary	Bexhill Observer
1946 Sep 07	<b>Newport</b>	John James	Death	Bexhill Observer
1946 Sep 14	<b>Newport</b>	John James	Inquest	Bexhill Observer
1946 Sep 14	<b>Newport</b>	John James	Funeral	Bexhill Observer
1946 Sep 14	<b>Newport</b>	John James	Tribute	Bexhill Observer
1946 Sep 21	<b>Newport</b>	John James	Memorial	Bexhill Observer
1958 Aug 16	<b>Newport</b>	Emily Harriet	Funeral	Bexhill Observer



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## *The Bereavements*

<b>1891 Oct 10</b>	<b>Sad Death of a Farm Labourer - James Freeman</b>	<b>Sussex Express</b>
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*This is the only record of a Hooe death that I have, so far, transcribed from the Sussex Express, and it's taken from the 10 October 1891 edition.*

**James Freeman's Obituary - HOOE** - Sad death of a farm labourer – Holmes Farm was the scene of a fatal accident on Friday last. It seems that an old and valued servant of Mr George Lemmon, named James Freeman, was engaged in thatching a wheat stack and whilst performing the operation known as “combing” by some means slipped, and falling to the ground, sustained injuries that caused his death. Much regret is felt in the parish at the sad event, for James Freeman was a man greatly respected. The deceased leaved a widow and seven children to mourn his loss. An inquest was held on Saturday, a verdict of “Accidental death” being returned.

<b>1891 Nov 07</b>	<b>Funeral of an old Vicar of Hooe - Rev. John Oswald Routh</b>	<b>Bexhill Chronicle</b>
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**Funeral of an old Vicar of Hooe** – On Tuesday the remains of the Rev. John Oswald Routh, who died on November 9<sup>th</sup>, at Wood Hall, Aysgarth, Bedale, Yorkshire, were laid to rest in the quiet churchyard at Hooe. The deceased gentleman, who had been in failing health for some time past, had attained the ripe old age of 76 years. He matriculated at Cambridge and was a Fellow of Christ College, and became Vicar of the parish of Hooe in the year 1846. During the time he held the living, which extended over a period of twelve years, through his efforts much good was done to benefit the then neglected state of the parish, and, by his kind and unassuming manner, coupled with his earnest work among his flock, the rev. gentleman gained the love and esteem of the whole of his parishioners. Though 38 years have passed away and many changes have taken place since the deceased gentleman was closely connected with this parish, his many kindnesses still linger in the minds of many, and it was with regret that the news of his demise was received. The remains of the deceased gentleman was conveyed from his Yorkshire home by rail to Bexhill station, accompanied by Mr, W. Alderson, and old and esteemed tenant of the family; from thence they were taken to the ancient church of St Oswald, Hooe. The chief mourner at the grave was the Rev. J. Routh, M. A., son of the departed gentleman and cousin to the present esteemed vicar of Hooe, the Rev Cuthbert Routh, who officiated both in the church and at the graveside. The remains were encased in an oak coffin, with brass fittings, bearing a plate on which was inscribed the name, and age of the deceased, In the church the choir sang a hymn and, as a last mark of respect, several of the old parishioners assembled in the churchyard to witness the funeral rites of one whom they had learnt to love so well. The servant's from Hurchington House, Bexhill, the residence of Miss H. O. Routh, sister of the deceased gentleman, attended the funeral, as also did Dr. J. P. Wills of Bexhill. Wreaths were sent by the Rev. J. Routh, Dr. and Mrs Richardson, Rev. Christopher Whaley and Mrs Whaley, Mr. Lodge, Miss Lodge, and the servants of Wood Hall, and also a cross from the nurses who attended the deceased in his dying illness. The funeral arrangements were satisfactorily carried out by Mr. W. Nye, of Bexhill.

<b>1900 Jan 05</b>	<b>Funeral of Miss Routh at Hooe</b>	<b>Bexhill Chronicle</b>
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### **FUNERAL OF MISS ROUTH AT HOOE**

The remains of Mis H. C. Routh, whose decease at her residence, Hurobington, Little Common, was recorded last week, were, on Friday, interred in Hooe Churchyard, where several of the deceased's relatives are buried. The remains were removed in a glass car, and enclosed in an elm shell, with lead, and outer coffin of polished oak, with brass furniture. The engraved plate bore the inscription -



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“HANNAH GAIN ROUTH,  
Born 28th march, 1814,  
Died 26th December, 1899”

The grave was a stained one, and already contained a similar cavity filled by a pre-deceased relative.

The officiating clergyman was Rev. Canon Simpson, Rector of St. Mark's, Little Common. Mr W. Cruttenden was the undertaker, in conjunction with Mr F. W. Parker, Station Road.

Several pair-horse carriages were supplied by Messers Eastes Bros.

<a href="#">1912 Jan 20</a>	<a href="#">Death of Mr George Sargent of Pleasant View Hooe</a>	<a href="#">Bexhill Chronicle</a>
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### **HOOE - DEATH OF MR GEORGE SARGENT**

We regret to record the death of Mr George Sargent, aged 69, of Pleasant View, Hooe, who died suddenly on Tuesday after only a very short illness.

Deceased lived in Hooe all his life and has been a member of the Hooe Benefit Society for over 50 years. The funeral will take place today (Saturday)

<a href="#">1912 Jan 27</a>	<a href="#">Funeral of Mr George Sargent took place last Saturday</a>	<a href="#">Bexhill Chronicle</a>
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**HOOE** - The funeral of Mr George Sargent, whose death we announced last week, took place on Saturday. The service was held at Hooe Church conducted by the Rev Cuthbert Routh. The coffin, which bore the inscription: "Mr George Sargent, died 16th January, 1912, aged 69 years", was carried by the following members of the Hooe Benefit Society: Messers S. Sargent, A. Moore, S. Lewis, and George Carey.

Appended is a list of the mourners; Mr George Sargent (son), Mrs Buss, Mrs Britt, Mr Fred Sargent, Mrs Morris, and Mr R. Sargent (daughter and brother), Mr and Mrs Frank Sargent, Mrs and Miss Sargent, Mr and Mrs Edward Elphick, Mr Bennett, Mr R. Pilbeam, and Mr T. Gander.

Wreaths were sent as follows, "In loving memory of my dear husband," from Wife and Family; "With deepest sympathy," from Edie and Willie (sister-in-law and nephew), "In loving memory," from George and Lydia; "In loving memory," from Solomon, Fred, and Richard (brothers), Mr R. Luck, of Hooe, was the undertaker.

<a href="#">1912 Mar 02</a>	<a href="#">Death and funeral of Mrs Isted</a>	<a href="#">Bexhill Chronicle</a>
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**DEATH AND FUNERAL OF MRS ISTED** - The death took place on Friday of last week, of Mrs H. Isted, aged 81, of the Bogs, Hooe.

Mrs Isted has lived at the Green, Ninfield for 53 years, from thence moving to Hooe, where she lived for 7 months.

The funeral took place at the Ninfield Church on Tuesday, when the service was conducted by the Rev W. H. Saulez. There were no hymns (by request).

The chief mourners were; Mr and Mrs Archer (niece and nephew), Mr John Isted, Mr Alfred Isted, Miss Isted, and Mr Tom Isted (of Sidley), Mrs Cuthbert, niece, (of Hooe), Mrs Deeprise and Miss Grace.



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Messers George Bartholomew, G. Bryant, E. Cramp, and J. Pont were the bearers. There were only two wreaths, from Mrs Cuthbert and from Mrs and Miss Deeprise. Mr H. Crouch was the undertaker.

<b>1912 Mar 02</b>	<b>“Regret to report the death of Mr Alfred Vitler”</b>	<b>Bexhill Chronicle</b>
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**HOOE** - We regret to record the death of Mr Alfred Vitler who died at Pleasant View, Hooe, on Tuesday at the age of 64. The funeral takes place on Monday next.

<b>1912 Mar 09</b>	<b>Funeral of Mr Alfred Vitler</b>	<b>Bexhill Chronicle</b>
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**HOOE - FUNERAL OF MR ALFRED VITLER** - The funeral took place on Monday of Mr Alfred Vitler for who died at the age 64 years at pleasant usual on Tuesday of last week. The service, which was held at the Hooe church, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev C. Routh.

In spite of the shocking state of the weather, there was a large number present. The mourners were Mr Markwick, Mr C. Pocock, Mr S. Sargent and Mr S. Lewis, and floral tributes were sent by Mrs a Vitler (widow), Mrs Barton, Mrs F. Pilbeam, Mrs H. Taylor, Mrs May Vitler (niece), Mr Fred Vitler (nephew), Mr C. Vitler and Mrs Alice Vitler (brother and niece), Mr and Mrs B. Taylor (son-in-law and daughter), and family, Mr and Mrs Alfred Moore (son-in-law and daughter), Mr G. Vitler and Mrs Alice Vitler (son and daughter), Mrs Walter Munn and Miss G. Pocock. The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr R. Luck.

**A CARD** - Mrs A. Vitler wishes through or columns to thank all those who have so kindly shown so much sympathy in her bereavement.

<b>1914 Aug 22</b>	<b>Hooe – Death of Mr George Vitler</b>	<b>Bexhill Chronicle</b>
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**HOOE** - We regret to announce the death of Mr George Vitler, of Horse Cross, and the age 65. He died on Sunday was buried on Thursday.

[**J.W.N's. Note!** The address should be “Hall’s Cross” and not “Horse Cross” – another case of mishearing and misunderstanding that could have changed the place name forever!]

<b>1915 Feb 20</b>	<b>Death of Isaac John Miller - Hall’s Cross (HMS Viknor)</b>	<b>Bexhill Chronicle</b>
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**HOOE** - The news of the death of Mr. Isaac John Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Miller, of Hall’s Cross, Hooe, has just been received. He was on H.M.S. “Viknor”, the armed liner, which was sunk (either by mine or owing to the rough seas) in January, all the crew being drowned. He was on H.M.S. “Elgar”, but was transferred to the “Viknor” on December 12<sup>th</sup>. He was in the London Fire Brigade for four years, and was called up in August, 1914, as he was on the Royal Naval Reserve, Had he survived, his time would have been up next August. He was only 28 years of age, and he leaves behind a wife and a child aged 12 months, who reside in Kensington, London.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller have 20 nephews and one son at the Front, and another son has enlisted since the war began, in the Australian contingent.

<b>1915 Jul 31</b>	<b>“Military Funeral at Hooe” – “Drummer William Plester”</b>	<b>Bexhill Chronicle</b>
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### **MILITARY FUNERAL AT HOOE**

The funeral took place, with military honours, on Tuesday, at Hooe Churchyard, of Drummer William Plester, aged 17, of the 5th Royal Sussex Regiment. The deceased died at the East Sussex Hospital. The funeral procession started from Hooe Common, being escorted by men from the, company of which deceased was a member, and also the Hooe Scouts. Captain Barlow and Sergeant-Major Crouch were present, and several wounded soldiers. The procession made its way to the cemetery, where the Rev. Cuthbert Routh conducted the service. A firing party of the Royal Sussex Regiment fired three rounds over the grave, and a bugler sounded the "Last Post". The mourners included Mrs. J. Plester (mother), Private Frank Plester, 3rd Royal. Sussex (Newhaven), Sidney James Plester (brothers), Mr. John Sheather (grandfather); Mr. H. Sheather (uncle), Mrs. Phillips (aunt), Mr. and Mrs. F. Sheather (uncle and aunt), Mr. and Mrs. F. Hutchinson (uncle and aunt), Mr. and Mrs. A. Sheather (uncle and aunt), Mrs. F. Coombes (aunt).

Many beautiful floral tributes were sent from sympathetic friends and neighbours, among which were:—

Spray, "In ever-loving memories of my dear boy, from Mother and brothers Frank, Sidney, and Jim."

Spray "To dear Willie, from his loving brothers, Sidney and Jim."

Wreath, "In loving memory of dear Willie, from Grandfather, Uncle Horace, and Aunt. Annie."

Wreath, " In loving memory of dear Willie, from Aunt Alice, Uncle Fred, and cousins Rita and Dallis - Gone but not forgotten."

To dear Willie, from Uncle Arthur, Aunt Lily, and little Rena."

Spray. "From Aunt Fanny."

Wreath, "In loving memory of Willie, from his Chums in the trenches, Reg."

Wreath, "With kind sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Sinden."

Cross, "In kind remembrance, from Mr. and Mrs. F. Pilbeam and family."

Wreath, "With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. A. Freeman."

Cross, "With kind remembrance, from Mr. and Mrs. Brand."

Spray, "With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Lade, Ninfield."

I Spray, "With sincere sympathy, from Miss Lemere, Lizzie and Maud (Rozelle, Hastings)."

Wreath, "With sincere sympathy, from Mrs. H. Cleaver (Hastings)."

Wreath, "To Willie, from his Nurse (East Sussex Hospital)."

Spray, " With deepest sympathy, from Mrs. Perrin (Hastings)."

Anchor, "With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs Barton and family."

Nurse J. Plester, of "Rozelle", St. Helen's Park Road, Hastings, wishes to thank all friends for sympathy expressed in her sad loss.

<b>1915 Nov 06</b>	<b>Thomas Noakes – "A Notable Hooe Family"</b>	<b>Bexhill Chronicle</b>
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### **A NOTABLE HOOE FAMILY**

News has been received from Australia of the death of Thomas Noakes, formerly of Hooe but who enlisted in Australia. It occurred in the Dardanelles, but under what circumstances it actually took place is not know.

Thomas Noakes was the son of Mr and Mrs Frank Noakes, who lived at Glebe cottage, Hooe, for very many years and who ended their lives there. Three of their sons - Levi, Walter, and Tomas - emigrated to Australia and had been there for some time when the war broke out. They at once responded to the call of the Mother Country, joining the Australian contingent. Another brother William, is with the North Sea Fleet at the present time.

The deceased soldier was about 27 years of age at the time of his death, and had been associated, before he enlisted, with goldmining in the great Southern colony. The news of his death has travelled from the Dardanelles to Australia, and thence to his relatives in England. While thoroughly sympathising with the



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family on the death of Thomas Noakes, it is satisfactory at the present juncture to find that a family, so well remembered at Hooe, is represented in this great struggle by three other sons of an old resident.

1915 Dec 18	"Funeral of the Late Mrs S. Dodson, of Hooe"	Bexhill Chronicle
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### **FUNERAL OF THE LATE MRS S. DODSON, OF HOOE**

The Parish of Hooe is mourning the loss of one of its most devoted workers. For 20 years the late Mrs S. Dodson lived and worked among the Hooe folk in many useful ways, and with such zeal, humility and success that her work had been appreciated, and herself respected by everyone.

Having been under the energetic evangelical ministry of the Rev Canon Stuart, at Lancaster Gate, London, she was prepared to spend her life for the benefit of those around her in that "pure religion and undefiled" of which St James wrote. She missed the advantages and opportunities of an efficiently organised urban parish, but she found some exercise for her abilities in a quiet, small country parish.

As a member of the Committee of the Hooe and Ninfield Nursing Association she interested herself in the sick, and aided those who she found needy among them. A member of the Committee of the Ladies. Sewing Class, she helped to raise the funds which secured the Village Hall; and she has done her part to equip and maintain the institution since for the young men.

A trustee of the Children's Christmas Treat Fund for many years, she has nobly given a full share of thought and labour for the children's welfare and enjoyment at the happy season. Until prevented by circumstances, she most ably assisted to decorate Hooe Church on festive occasions, and since then has given material for the purpose. Now that she is no longer among the inhabitants of Hooe the people recall the times when they have benefited by her presence and help, and gratefully speak of her goodness.

The wreaths give an indication of the esteem in that she was held. A list is here given: --

"From her sorrowing husband, Sam, 'Resting peacefully.'"

"In loving memory of our dear sister, Lillie, from Isabel and John and family: "Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling."

"In loving and affectionate remembrance of our very dear sister, Lillie, from Lavinia and Jesse; ' in thy loving hands we leave her, Until the day breaks and the shadows pass away'"

"In affectionate remembrance of a very dear sister, from George."

"From Tom, Polly and family, with deep sympathy" (brother and sister-in-law)

"With Frank and Annie's deep sympathy" (brother and sister-in-law).

"In loving memory, from Fanny and Clara.' Peace, perfect peace." (sisters-in-law)

"From Hooe Schoolchildren, with grateful remembrance of Mrs Dodson and the kind interest in the children's welfare."

"With loving memory, from Lillie, and Hamilton Anderson."

"In ever-loving memory, from all at The Woodlands (brother and sister-in-law): 'When the day of toil is done, When the race of life is run, Father, grant our dear one, Rest in peace for evermore.'"

"With sincerest sympathy, from George and Grace Carden."

"From the Secretary and Committee of the Nursing Association."

"With regret and sincere sympathy, from Mrs Thomas."

"With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs H. Barton."

"With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs A. T. Stevens"

"In the loving remembrance, from Rosa and Dorothy."

"In loving memory, from Mrs Caffyn and family."

"With deepest sympathy, from Nurse Hall."

"From Mr and Mrs Sellens, with sincere sympathy and kind remembrance."



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The internment took place on Thursday afternoon, the 9th inst., at 3 o'clock, and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev C. Routh, Mr G. T. Sabin being the undertaker.

The mourners included; Mr S. Dodson (husband), Mr and Mrs Sharp (sister and brother-in-law), Miss Biggs and Mrs J. Bigg's (sister's), Mr George Biggs (brother), Mr Frank Biggs (brother), Mr and Mrs E. Dodson and son (brother-in-law and sister and nephew), Miss Dodson (sister-in-law), Mr Carden (cousin), Mrs Anderson (niece), and Nurse Reid.

On Sunday morning last, in his sermon, the Vicar made sympathetic reference to the deceased lady, emphasising her humility, sincerity and unostentatious generosity. By request, the special hymns sung were: "Rock of Ages" and "Peace, Perfect Peace."

So many letters of condolence had been received by the bereaved that they wish of us to thank their sympathisers, and to assure them and as soon as possible all will be acknowledged."

<b>1916 Feb 19</b>	<b>Hooe – Funeral of Mrs G. Sargent</b>	<b>Bexhill Chronicle</b>
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The funeral of Mrs G. Sargent, of Pleasant View, Hooe, took place on Monday last. The internment was in Hooe Parish Cemetery, the service being conducted in the church and at the graveside by the Rev Mr Whaley (of Hooe). The chief mourners were: Mrs T. H. Morris (daughter); Mr and Mrs George Sargent (son and daughter-in-law); Mr and Mrs Frank Sargent (daughter and son-in-law); Mr T. Stonestreet (brother); Mr R. Sargent (brother-in-law); Mr W. Buss (grandson); Messers Edmond and Edward Elphick (cousins); Mrs Taylor (niece) and; Mrs S. Tickner (niece); Miss E. Sargent; Mr and Mrs T. Morris; Mrs J. Smith, etc.

The floral tributes included the following: -- Wreath, "In affectionate remembrance of our dear mother;" wreath, "In affectionate remembrance of our dear mother, from Mr and Mrs George Sargent and family;" wreath, "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Barton;" wreath "With deepest sympathy, from Richard."

<b>1916 Feb 26</b>	<b>Funeral of A. E. Deeprose (Master)</b>	<b>Bexhill Chronicle</b>
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### **DEATH OF MASTER A. E. DEEPROSE**

It is with regret we have to record the death of Albert Edmund Deeprose, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Deeprose, of Mill Lane Hooe, which occurred on Sunday last after a few days' illness. The funeral took place on Thursday. Prior to the interment a short service was held in the Mission hall in connection with which the deceased had been a Sunday School scholar, Mr E. Kemo conducting. He also officiated at the grave side. The hymn, "Asleep in Jesus", was sung before leaving the Hall.

The chief mourners were Mr. and Mrs. Deeprose (parents), Mrs. J. Deeprose (grandmother), Mr. and Mrs. F. Deeprose, (uncle and aunt), Mrs. Joseph Deeprose (aunt), Mr. and Mrs. James Mitchell (uncle and aunt), Mr. E. Cramp (uncle), Mrs. John Cramp (aunt);, and Mrs. Farmer (cousin). Others present were Miss Sutton, Mrs. Little, Mr. and Mrs. Stonestreet, Mrs. W. Roberts; Mr. and Mrs. Perry, Mr. Stevens, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. W. Packham, Mrs. James Cramp, Mr. B. Divall, Mr. A. Divall, Miss Drake, Mrs. Harmer, etc. The bearers were Messers R. Mitchell, W. Roberts, and A. and B. Divall,

The coffin plate bore the inscription: - "Albert Edmund Deeprose, born February 16th 1902, Died February 20th 1916".

The floral tributes included the following: -

Wreath, "In loving memory of Sonny, from Dad and Mum".



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Wreath, "In loving memory of Albert, from Uncle Alfred, Aunt Alice, Cousin Dorothy, and Daisy (Bexhill)".

Glass wreath, "With deepest regret, from Uncle Frank, Aunt Lois, and Family".

Glass wreath, "In fond remembrance, from Grandma and Auntie Hattie".

Wreath, "With fond remembrance and loving sympathy, from Uncle Fred, Aunt Aunt Florrie, and Grandma (Heathfield)".

Wreath, "In loving memory, from Uncle Jim and Auntie Nellie".

Spray, "From Baby Jim".

Wreath, "In loving memory, from Auntie Grace, Uncle Joe, and Miss Sutton".

Wreath, "With loving sympathy, from Auntie and Lily".

Spray, "In deep sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Roberts and Family".

Spray, "With sincere sympathy, from John and Charlie Drake".

Wreath, "With sincere regret, from the Officers and Teachers of the Mission Hall".

Spray, "With sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Hoad and Family".

Cushion, "In loving memory of Albert, from Hu Packham".

<b>1916 Apr 01</b>	<b>Death of Henry Ransome (Ninfield) labourer at Akehurst</b>	<b>Bexhill Chronicle</b>
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### NINFIELD – A SAD TRAGEDY

A sad tragedy came to light on Tuesday when the dead body of a man, Henry Ransome, aged sixty-three years, was found lying in a ditch in Lower Street. Ransome was a farm labourer, employed at Akehurst's Farm. Hooe, and being in ill-health, he went to see Dr. Garman. So far as can be ascertained, he became worse when returning from the doctor's, fell down, and expired. As a certificate had been obtained from the doctor no inquest was held. The body was found at 5.30 o'clock on Tuesday morning, it having apparently laid there all night, by some men going to work, who conveyed the body to the "King's Arm's" Hotel.

<b>1917 Jan 06</b>	<b>Death of Mrs Mephram</b>	<b>Bexhill Chronicle</b>
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The death of Mrs Mephram, of the Bogs, occurred on Friday of last week and the internment took place at the Parish Churchyard on Tuesday last. The Rev C. Routh officiated. The bearers were Mr James Mitchell, of the Mission Hall, Messers G. Bartholomew, G. Bryant, and E. Cramp, of the Westleyan Church, of which the deceased was a member for many years. The chief mourners were Mrs Burton, Mrs Barnett and Mrs E. Mephram, (daughters), Messers James and Daniel Mephram (sons). The Westleyan Church was also represented by Messers S. Sellens and James Cramp (Society stewards), also, Mrs J. Kemp,. Others present were Mrs Catt, Miss Brooks and Mrs Bourner.

The coffin plate bears the inscription, "Margaret Mephram, died December 29th, 1916, aged 86 years."

<b>1917 Jan 27</b>	<b>Funeral of Annie Vitler widow of the late Alfred Vitler</b>	<b>Bexhill Chronicle</b>
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The funeral took place on Saturday last, at the Parish Churchyard, of Mrs Annie Vitler, widow of the late Mr Alfred Vitler, who died in the age of 86 years. The mourners were: Mr George Vitler (son), Mr and Mrs B. Taylor (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs F. Moore (daughter), Miss A..Vitler (daughter), Miss D. Taylor and Miss J. Taylor (grand daughters), Mr. G. Bart (brother-in-law, Mr F. Vitler (nephew), Mr and Mrs Somerton (nephew and niece), Miss Alice Vitler (niece), Miss Emma breath (niece), Miss the cramp (niece), and Miss the Sargent.



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The floral tributes included; Wreath, "From her sorrowing children, George, Flo, and Alice"; wreath, "In ever loving memory of our dear mother, from Ben and Sarah and grandchildren"; Spray, from Mrs G. Bryant and family."

<b>1918 Nov 16</b>	<b>Ninfield – Funeral of Marian Sari Smith</b>	<b>Bexhill Chronicle</b>
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[**Note.** The next extract is of a funeral which took place in Ninfield but it does mention Hooe and the names of many of the people are familiar so they may well have come from the latter village. ]

Much sympathy and sorrow have been felt in Ninfield and Hooe at the death, at the early age of 27, of Mrs Marion Sari Smith, wife of Mr Howard Smith of the City of London Police, and daughter of Mr and Mrs S. W. Munn, of Ninfield Green. The deceased had been staying with her parents during the latter part of the summer and soon after her return to her home, 32 Newington Green Mansions, London, had an attack of influenza. Pneumonia ensued, and in spite of careful nursing and attention death took place on Nov. 2nd after an illness of only eight days. The body was brought to Ninfield for interment and the funeral took place on Thursday afternoon, Nov 7. The funeral procession left the residence of Mr Albert Lade of Russell's Green (brother-in-law) about 2 o'clock and was attended by a large number of friends and relatives. The chief mourners were: Mr H. Smith (husband), Mr and Mrs S. W. Munn (father and mother), Messers E. and C. Munn (brothers), Mr and Mrs W. Munn (uncle and aunt), Mr C. Munn and Mrs Fermenger (uncle and aunt), Mrs C. Munn (aunt), Messers A. Lade, H. Taylor, F. Pilbeam, B. Smith, (brothers-in-law), Mrs Lade, Mrs H. Smith, Mrs Cornford, Mrs B. Smith, and Mrs H. Wall (sisters-in-law), Mrs Munn, Miss Lade, Miss Pilbeam, Miss Catt and Mrs M. Pont (nieces), Mrs M. Pont, sen., Mrs J. Morris, Mrs C. Morris, Mrs H. Hammond, and many others. Mrs F. Pilbeam, Mrs Catt, Mrs Barton, and Mr James Smith, sen, were unable to attend through illness. The wreaths, etc., were numerous and beautiful.

<b>1919 Feb 08</b>	<b>Death of Mrs C. Pocock</b>	<b>Bexhill Chronicle</b>
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The sudden death of Mrs C. Pocock, of Broad Street Green, Hooe, on Jan 24th was a great blow to many, for she was so well-known and respected by all. The funeral took place on Monday at Hooe Churchyard.

The mourners were Mr C. Pocock (widower), Mrs Newland, Mrs Sinden, Miss Pocock (daughters), Mr and Mrs D. Vitler (brother and sister-in-law), Mrs Ransom (sister), Mr and Mrs Dawes (nephew and niece), Mr and Mrs G. Bryant, Mrs A. Pocock, Mrs G. Pocock, Mrs Grey, Mrs Eldridge (nieces), Mrs Sinden, Mrs W. Vitler, Mrs F. Vitler, Mrs and Miss Sheather, Mrs Veness, Mrs T. Ransom (niece), Miss A. Parks (niece), and Mrs G. Carey. The coffin was of oak, and bore the inscription: "Eliza E. Pocock, died gently wary 24th 1919, aged 58 years". The bearers were Messers A. Freeman, S. Lewis, G. Vitler and J. Luck

<b>1920 Dec 11</b>	<b>Hooe man's sudden end.- Mr William Rowland Smith</b>	<b>Bexhill Observer</b>
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**HOOE MAN'S SUDDEN END** - At five p.m. on Tuesday, Mr Wilfred Rowland Smith was found lying unconscious in a barn on the premises of his father, Mr. James Smith, butcher, Hooe Common. Dr. R. M. Miller, of Boreham, Surrey, was summoned, and on his arrival pronounced life extinct. Deceased, who was aged 44, had been working at the rear of the premises all day, and at dinner-time he stated he had become giddy during the morning and had fallen but recovered himself. He went out to work again after dinner and later was found by his nephew, Kenneth, as stated above. Dr. Miller attributed the death to syncope, from heart disease. The circumstances were reported to the Coroner for the Rape of Hastings (Mr. F. C. Sheppard), who did not deem an inquest necessary.

<b>1921 Jan 15</b>	<b>Death of Vicar of Hooe – Rev. Cuthbert Routh</b>	<b>Bexhill Chronicle</b>
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### **DEATH OF VICAR OF HOOE**

Much regret has been caused in the district by the announcement of the death of the Rev Cuthbert Routh, Vicar of Hooe, which occurred at Hooe vicarage on Friday last.

The deceased gentleman was in his 80th year, and during the thirty years he had spent in Hooe, he has greatly endeared himself to the villagers by his kindly disposition and his devotion to duty.

Educated at Oxford, he was a Fitzgerald Exhibitor at Queen's College, Graduate B.A. in 1866, and taking his M. A. two years later. In the later years, 1868, he was ordained deacon by the Bishop of Ripon, and priest in 1869. The year before ordination he took up scholastic a appointment in Skipton Grammar School, as second master, a position which he held until he was appointed curator of Strensall in 1871. Four years later he went as a curate to the Rector of Giggleswick, staying in this Parish until his preferment to Hooe in 1889.

The funeral of the late Vicar took place on Tuesday afternoon at Hooe. The service at the church was taken by the Rev Canon Cook, M..A.(Vicar of Holy Trinity Church, Hastings) Rural Dean, and at the graveside by the Rev Oswald Whater. M. A., cousin of the deceased. A large number of parishioners were present at the church.

Mr Ridel of Ninfield, officiated at the organ

<b>1922 May 20</b>	<b>Death of Old Hooe Resident – Mrs Sarah Naomi Pilbeam</b>	<b>Bexhill Observer</b>
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### **DEATH OF OLD HOOE RESIDENT**

Mrs Sarah Naomi Pilbeam, wife of Mr Frank Pilbeam, of Hooe, died on Tuesday at the age of 60 years. Mrs Pilbeam was the sister-in-law of Mr F. H. Pilbeam, butcher, of 1, Belle Hill, and had lived in Hooe all her life.

The funeral took place yesterday (Friday) afternoon at Hooe Churchyard. Mr F. W. Parker, of Belle Hill, carried out the funeral arrangements.

<b>1924 May 10</b>	<b>Hooe - Funeral of Mr J. Clifton</b>	<b>Bexhill Observer</b>
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**FUNERAL OF MR. J. CLIFTON.** - The death occurred on Saturday of My John Clifton, eldest son of Mr and Mrs H. Clifton. A t the funeral on Wednesday, four friends of the deceased acted as bearers, and wore white smocks. The mourners included Mr. and Mrs. H. Clifton (father and mother), Mr Ernest Clifton, Mr Sidney Clifton, Mr Cecil Clifton, and Mr. Leslie Clifton (brothers), Miss Minnie Clifton, Miss Muriel Clifton, and Miss Joan Clifton, (sisters). Miss Cornford (fiancé), Mrs A. Sutton, and Mrs Paris (aunts). Mr and Mrs G. Clifton, Mr and Mrs P. Clifton, and Mr and Mrs W. Carey (aunts and uncles). Mr W. Carey. Jun.(cousin), and Mr. R. Cornford. The service at the Parish Church was conducted by the Vicar ( the Rec. C. A. Weeks).

<b>1924 May 17</b>	<b>Hooe – “The Late Mr Clifton”</b>	<b>Bexhill Observer</b>
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### **HOOE – THE LATE MR. CLIFTON**

At the funeral of Mr. John Clifton, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs H. Clifton, of Fuschia Cottage (reported in our last issue), the floral tributes were inscribed: - “In loving memory of our dear Jack, from his mother, father,



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brothers, and sisters”; “In deepest sympathy to my dear Jack from his broken-hearted ‘Flo’”; In deepest sympathy from Aunt and Uncle, Louie. Will and little Phil”; ”In ever loving memory of Jack from Grandad and Auntie Rose”; “Ever to the loving memory of Jack from Uncle Percy and Auntie Maude”; “With affectionate remembrance and sincere sympathy from Uncle George, Auntie Nance, and Wally”; “With deepest sympathy and kind remembrance from Mr. and Mrs. Cornford, Alfred and Arthur”; “With deepest sympathy from Maud and Arthur”; “With deepest sympathy from Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Pocock and family”; “In ever loving memory of Jack from Aunt Sally and family”; “From Rose and Bert with deepest sympathy”; “From Mr. and Mrs. Philip Constant and E. Bramwell with sincere sympathy to you all”; “With deepest sympathy from Mr. and Mrs. S. Dodson”; “Kind remembrance from Mr. and Mrs. Lade and family”; ”With deepest sympathy from Mr. and Mrs. J. Luck and family”; “With sincere sympathy from Mr. and Mrs. S. Morris and family”; “With deepest sympathy from Mr. F. Pilbeam and family”; “With deepest sympathy from Mr. and Mrs C. Cornford”; “With deepest sympathy from Mr. F. H. Russell (Bexhill)”; “In loving remembrance from Mr. and Mrs. F. Pilbeam, Junr”; From A. Roberts, with kind remembrances”; “From his fellow workers at Holmes Farm, with sincere sympathy – T. Lewis, T. Cousins, A. Leonard, W. Munns, S. Russell, E. Tooth, A. foreman, A. Lewis, A. Levitt, J. Russell, W. Sargent, J. Waters” – Mr and Mrs. H. Clifton wish to thank all kind friends for their sympathy and for floral tributes sent.

<b>1925 Feb 07</b>	<b>Hooe Tradesman’s Death – Mr James Smith - Butcher</b>	<b>Bexhill Observer</b>
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### **HOOE TRADESMAN’S DEATH – THE LATE MR. JAS SMITH.**

The funeral took place last Saturday of Mr. James Smith, who passed away at the age of 85, the preceding Tuesday morning after a long illness. “Father James”, as he was affectionately known, will be much missed, he having carried on the business of a butcher at Hooe for fifty years. His wife preceded him by seventeen years and his family of thirteen, six daughters and five sons are left to mourn their loss. Mr. Smith also leaves thirty-one grandchildren and seven great-grand- children.

The funeral was officiated over by the Vicar of Hooe (the Rev C. A. Weeks), the first part of the service being held at Hooe Church. The coffin, which was of polished oak with brass fittings, was borne by Messers. Freeman, Luck, Cousins, and Vitler.

The immediate mourners were Mr. Isaac Smith (brother), Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Taylor (daughter and son-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Harley Smith (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. R. Smith (son), Messers. Lade, Pilbeam, Barton, Waite and Catt (sons-in-law), Mr. Billiness (cousin), Messers. Cecil Lade, Gilbert Waite, A. Catt, K. Smith C. Pilbeam, and J. Smith (grandsons), the Misses Lottie Pilbeam, Kathleen Pilbeam, K. Smith, and R. Smith (grand-daughters), Dr. Middlemist, Mrs. Cuthbert, and Mrs Amos.

In the congregation were Messers Dodson, Hayes, Newport, Morris, Mitchell, and Pont, Miss Hayward and many others. It was much regretted that five daughters were unable to attend the funeral through illness, whilst one son left Hooe the previous Saturday to rejoin his ship at Liverpool. There were no flowers by request.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. C. Luck.

<b>1927 Jan 08</b>	<b>Hooe – Baby’s Death</b>	<b>Bexhill Observer</b>
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**HOOE – BABY’S DEATH** – The Coroner for the Rape of Hastings (Mr F. C. Sheppard) held an inquest at New Lodge Cottage, on Saturday afternoon respecting the death of the infant child of Mrs. Ivy Winifred Larkin, wife of Mr. Morton Hiriam Larkin a farm labourer, that died the previous day. The mother stated that the child was born on 9th December. About 6 a.m. on Friday it cried and opened its mouth. It then ceased to



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breathe. Deceased had been weak from birth, and it was always a job for deceased to take its food. Dr Philip Morgan Neighbour, of Boreham Street, said he saw deceased about five days after birth. It was rather jaundiced and very weakly, but was a full-time child. Death was due to heart failure following bronchial pneumonia. The Coroner returned a verdict accordingly.

<b>1927 Jan 15</b>	<b>Hooe – Death of Mr T. Morris.</b>	<b>Bexhill Observer</b>
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**HOOE – DEATH OF MR. T. MORRIS, SENR.** – A large number of friends will regret to hear of the death on Sunday of Mr. Thomas Morris, senr., aged 83, of Sadler’s Farm, Hooe. Mr. Morris, who was the father of Mr. T. Morris, well-known in Bexhill as the proprietor of a music shop in Devonshire-road, was ill for only a short time. It was just before Christmas that he and his wife celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary. He was popular and respected, both in Hooe and Ninfield, and was a member of the Parochial Church Council. A widow, five sons, and four daughters are bereaved.

<b>1827 Jan 22</b>	<b>Funeral of Mr T. Morris of Sadler’s Farm</b>	<b>Bexhill Observer</b>
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**FUNERAL OF MR. T. MORRIS** – The Funeral of Mr. Thomas Morris, of Sadler’s Farm, who died on January 9th in his 84th year, and had recently celebrated his 62nd anniversary of his wedding, took place at Hooe Church on Friday last.

The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. T. Morris, of Bexhill (son and daughter-in-law). Mr. and Mrs. L. Morris, of Udimore (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. S. Morris (son and daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs. Geo. Sargent (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith, of Norman’s Bay ((son-in-law and daughter). Mr. P. Morris (son), Gilbert Stewart and Cecil Morris (grandsons), Miss Lucy Morris (grand-daughter), Mr. G. Noakes (nephew), and Mrs. Howard (niece). Amongst others present were Mr. f. Pilbeam, Mr. B. Smith, Mr. H. Sargent, Mr. Hobbs, Mr. Carter and Mrs. Watson of Pevensey. The coffin was borne by Mr. G. Bartholomew, Mr. F. Bourne, Mr. J. Luck, and Mr. F. Sargent..

Floral tributes were: “From his sorrowing widow and children, Percy, Lizzie, Nance and Dyson, Dave and Amy”; In loving memory of dear grandfather, from Tom and Mary, Eustace and Sylvia”; “From Henry and Beulah, with all love and sympathy”; “In loving memory of dear father and grandfather, from Luther, Edith, and boys.”; “In ever-loving memory of dear grandfather, from all at Akehurst Farm”; “In ever-loving memory of dear father, from George, Lydia, and family, ‘Never to be forgotten’”; With loving sympathy, from Jack, Hephzie and family”; “From his loving grandchildren, Jackie, Melina, Irene, Joan and Vera”; “With deepest sympathy from his niece, Sally.”

<b>1928 Oct 13</b>	<b>Ninfield – Death of Mr F. I. Deeprise</b>	<b>Bexhill Observer</b>
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**DEATH OF MR. F. I. DEEPROSE** – The death occurred from heart failure, at the Royal East Sussex Hospital last Friday, of Mr. Frank Irvin Deeprise, son of Mr. Frank Deeprise and the late Mrs. Deeprise, of “Thorne Cottage”, Ninfield-road. Mr. Deeprise, who was 17 years of age, had been an invalid all his life, although he died after an illness lasting only two days.

The funeral service at the Cemetery was conducted by Mr. Billiness, of Eastbourne.

The mourners were Mr. Frank Deeprise; (father), Mr. Clarence Deeprise (brother), Miss Dorothy Deeprise (sister), Mr. Horace Taylor (uncle), of Hooe, Mr. and Mrs. D. Martin (uncle and aunt) of Hooe, Mr. Jack Martin (uncle), of Hooe, Mr. E. Martin (uncle) of Hooe, and Mrs Gunn (aunt), of Eastbourne.

The floral tributes were inscribed as follows: -



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"In loving memory of dear Sonnie, from Dad, Clar, Dot, and Grace."  
 "With deepest sympathy, from all at Box Cottage. Hooe"  
 "In loving memory of dear Sonnie, from Uncle Alf and cousins."  
 "With deepest sympathy, from H. E. and S. Mullinger."  
 "With deepest sympathy, from Mrs. Beal and family."  
 "With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Greed."  
 "With deepest sympathy, from Miss Rich."  
 "With deepest sympathy, from Mrs. Wood and Dolly."  
 "With deepest sympathy, from his chum, Clifford Eldredge."  
 "With deepest sympathy, from Fred and Florrie, Heathfield."  
 "In memory of Sonnie, from Wrestholme."

<b>1930 Oct 18</b>	<b>Ninfield – "Death of an Old Resident" – Louisa Deeprise</b>	<b>Bexhill Observer</b>
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**DEATH OF AN OLD RESIDENT** - Mrs Louisa Deeprise, widow of Mr. Joseph Deeprise, passed away after a short illness at the ripe age of 86. She had a family of six boys and three girls, seven of whom are living. Mrs Deeprise was a very active worker at the Mission hall from the time it was built until her husband's death in 1902, and then made her home at Bexhill for some years, subsequently returning to Ninfield. Her body was interred in the Ninfield churchyard last Friday. The service was conducted by the Rector. The relatives present were Mr. Arthur Deeprise (eldest son, London), Mr. Rufus Deeprise (son, Bath), Mr. Frank Deeprise (son, Ninfield), Mr. and Mrs. James Deeprise (son and daughter-in-law, London), Mrs Harriet Deeprise (daughter, London), Mrs. Fred Deeprise (daughter-in-law, Heathfield), Mrs Alfred Deeprise (daughter-in-law, Bexhill), and Mr H. J. Mitchell (brother-in-law, Windmill Hill). Among the followers were Mrs Stonestreet, Mrs R. Harmer, Mrs Packham, Mr and Mrs Roberts, Miss Sutton, Mrs D. Cramo, Mrs A. Divall, Mrs D. Clark, sen., Mrs. J. Cramp, Mrs Clark, jun., Mrs Hoad, Mrs Lade, and Mrs W. Harmer. Floral tributes were inscribed: -

"A token of remembrance, from Florrie, Hedley, and Bobby"; "With loving sympathy, from Mr and Mrs James Deeprise and Jimmy "; "To mother, from her loving daughters, Hartie and Louie"; "In loving memory of a dear grandma, from Alfred, Ethel, and family"; "In memory of dear mother and grandma, from Arthur, Kate, and family (London); "In loving memory from Joe and Kate"; "In loving memory of a good mother, gone on before, from Rufus and Alice"; "In remembrance of grandma, from mabel"; "In affectionate remembrance of Mrs Deeprise, from Mr and Mrs Roberts and family"; "In memory of an old friend, from N. Packham".

The family wish to thank all those who sent letters of sympathy and flowers.

<b>1930 Nov 09</b>	<b>Funeral of Mrs E. Sargent, Hooe</b>	<b>Bexhill Observer</b>
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**FUNERAL OF MRS. E. SARGENT, HOOE** – After a long and painful illness, borne with Christian patience, Mrs. Emma Sargent, passed away on Saturday morning, Nov. 2, and was laid to rest in Hooe Churchyard on Wednesday last. The coffin of polished elm, with brass fittings, and which bore the inscription, "Emma Sargent", aged 54, (died Nov. 2nd. Called home for some cause," was covered with florasl tributes. The bearers were Mr. T. Gander, Mr. A. Freeman, Mr. G. Vitler, and Mr. C. Morris. The chief mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. Sargent (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. S. Sargent (nephew and niece), Miss Sargent, Mrs. Pont, Mrs. Pocock, and Mr. H. Sargent. Many others were at the church, as deceased was held in great esteem in the village, and will be missed by many. Wreaths were sent as follows: "In loving remembrance, from Willie, Ellen, Solomon, Rose, and Harry, "Asleep in Jesus"; "With deep regret, from Mr. and Mrs. S. Lewis and family"; "In loving memory, from all at School Farm"; "In loving memory, from Francis"; "In remembrance, from Fanny, Florrie, and Jennie Goldsmith, 'Peace, Perfect Peace'"; "With deep sympathy, from John and Mary Amos."



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<b>1931 Mar 21</b>	<b>Old Inhabitant's Passing - Richard William Hayward</b>	<b>Bexhill Observer</b>
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**OLD INHABITANT'S PASSING** - At Quiddleswell Mount, Hooe, on Monday, the death occurred of Mr Richard William Hayward, in his 90th year. Mr Hayward had lived in Hooe for 57 years, and had filled the office of churchwarden for 34 years. Owing to failing health, he retired from that position in 1924, at the same time relinquishing his other duties as a school manager and clerk to the Parish Council.

His life was one of quiet and devoted service and there must be many who can call to mind the generosity and patience of a genuine Christian soul. His body was placed in the Parish Church on Tuesday night, and the funeral took place on Wednesday.

<b>1931 Mar 21</b>	<b>Oldest Inhabitant's Death – James Sheather</b>	<b>Bexhill Observer</b>
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### **NINFIELD - OLDEST INHABITANT'S DEATH.**

Ninfield is mourning the death of the oldest inhabitant's death, Mr. James Sheather, which occurred suddenly on Wednesday evening.

Mr Sheather, who was a widower, had attained the ripe old age of 91, and, in October 1929, on his 90th birthday, he received congratulations over the wireless from the B.B.C. He was also the recipient of a nonagenarian badge issued by the B.B.C. Mr Sheather was born in Hooe and had lived for the greater part of his life in Ninfield. For fifty years or more to the time of his death, he had occupied Miller's Farm Cottage, near Russell's Green. He leaves one daughter. The funeral will take place on Saturday.

<b>1931 Apr 18</b>	<b>Funeral At Hooe – The Late Mrs J. E. Pocock</b>	<b>Bexhill Observer</b>
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### **FUNERAL AT HOOE - THE LATE MRS J. E. POCOCK**

The funeral took place at Hooe Parish Church last Friday afternoon, of Mrs. Jane Elizabeth Pocock, wife of Mr. A. Pocock, Elizabethan Cottages, Hooe. Mrs., Pocock, who was 66 years of age, died at the Royal East Sussex Hospital, Hastings, the previous Tuesday, a fortnight after having her leg amputated. She was a native of Hooe, where she had lived all her life. In addition to the widower, she is survived by four sons and two daughters

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev, C. A. Weekes), and the mourners were the widower, Mr. W. Pocock, Mr. R. Pocock, Mr. A. Pocock, jun., and Mr. L. Pocock (sons), Mr. and Mrs. Rouncwell (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. and Mrs. Crisford (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. and Mrs. C. Baker (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. T. Baker (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Wettle (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs. G. Baker (sister-in-law), Mr. S. Pocock (brother-in-law), Mr. Albert Baker (nephew), Miss Sheila Baker (niece), Mrs. Freeman (niece), Mrs. Baines (niece), Mrs. Bourner (niece), Mr. Eric Bourner (nephew), Miss F. Goldsmith and Mrs. F. Vitler. Others at the church were Mrs. B. Smith, Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. Winchester, Miss Sheathe, Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. A. Baker, and Mr. and Mrs. S. Crisford, Battle.

The floral tributes were inscribed as follows: -

"In loving memory of my dear wife and mother, from Dad and Lewis"

"In loving memory of dear mother and grandma, from Flo, Harry and Alfie"

"In loving memory of dear mother and grandma, from Gladys, Bert and' Edgar"

"In ever loving memory of our dear mother, from Will and Minnie."

"In loving memory of one of the best of mothers, from her loving son and daughter, and grandson, Reg, Bella and Donald."

"In loving memory of dear mother, from Alf and Florrie."

"In loving memory, of our dear sister, from Cissie and Alf."



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"To Jane, in loving memory, from Charlie, Rose and family."  
"With deepest sympathy, from Tom, Annie and Sheila."  
"In loving memory, from Lottie and family."  
"In loving memory, from Lottie and from Rose, in loving memory of dear Jane."  
"With deepest sympathy, from Bill and Sarah."  
"In loving memory of Aunt Jennie, from Maud, Arthur and family."  
"In loving memory of dear aunt, from Arthur and Ida."  
"In loving memory of our dear auntie, from Bob and Elsie."  
"In loving memory of dear Aunt Jane, from May and family."  
"To dear Aunt Jane, from Alice, Chris and George, in affectionate remembrance."  
"In remembrance of auntie, from Bert and Elsie."  
"With sincere sympathy, from Cissie"  
"In loving memory of dear mum, from Lily, Frank and Dudley."  
"In loving remembrance .of an old friend, front Miss Sheathe, Mrs. Hammond and Mrs. E. Winchester."  
"In loving memory of a dear old friend, from Mrs. Foghill, Elsie, Jack, and Bill."  
"With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. B. Smith and family."  
"With sincere sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Inman."  
"With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Constant."  
"With sincere sympathy and loving thought for an old friend, from Mr. and Mrs. Russell."  
"With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Dodson."  
"With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Cuthbert."  
"With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Cornford, jun."  
"With deepest sympathy, from Jennie and Albert (Bexhill)."  
"To Mrs. Pocock with deepest sympathy, from Mrs. W. Sargent."  
"With deepest sympathy, from Winnie (Bexhill)."  
"With deepest sympathy, from Mrs. H. Barton."

<b>1931 Jul 25</b>	<b>Long Life at Hooe – Death of old Wheelwright – Charles Collins</b>	<b>Bexhill Observer</b>
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### **“LONG LIFE AT HOOE” - “OLD WHEELWRIGHT'S FUNERAL”**

The funeral took place last Friday of Mr Charles Collins, who died the previous Wednesday, July 15th at the High House, Hooe, the residence of his son.

Mr Collins, who had reached the advanced age of 83, had enjoyed robust health during most of his life. He was taken ill about a week before his death and passed peacefully away, having been visited by all his relations within reach.

Born in Hooe, where he lived all his life, Mr Collins was a wheelwright, carpenter, and undertaker until he retired at the age of 80.

As recently as the 21st June, Mr and Mrs Collins celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding day. Mr Collins is survived by a widow, four sons, and a daughter, two sons being now in Australia.

The funeral service was held at St. Oswald's. It was fitting that the tolling bell should herald the approach of the remains to their final resting place of one who had rung it for over 50 years, part of which time he had been captain of the peals. The coffin was conveyed to the Church on farm carts and was carried by four bearers, Messers A. Lennard, A Freeman, and F and B Vitler, wearing white smocks and followed by three cars of mourners.

The service was conducted by the Rev C. Weeks, and the hymns, "Jesu, lover of my soul" and "Abide with me", were sung. The interment was in the churchyard.

Owing to illness, the widow was unable to attend and the mourners were: -- Mr and Mrs J. Collins (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs J. Stubberfield (daughter), Mr E. Collins (son), Misses K. and P Collins



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(granddaughters), Mr F. Collins (brother), Mr and Mrs G. Parks (brother-in-law and sister), Mr and Mrs Enticknapp (nephew and niece), Mr H. Collins (nephew), Mr F. Parks (nephew), Mrs A.. Baker, Mr C. Sargent, and Mr L. B. Mills.

The floral tributes are inscribed as follows: --

"In loving memory of a dear husband and father, from mother and Dora"; "In loving memory of our dear father, from John and May"; "With deepest sympathy, from Ernest, Ethel and family"; "In loving memory of our dear father and grandpa, from all in Australia"; "In ever loving memory of dear grandpa, from Kathleen, Phyllis and Charles"; "In loving memory of our dear brother, from Louie, George and family"; "With deepest sympathy, from brother Fred and Beat"; "With deepest sympathy, from Horace"; "In loving sympathy to Uncle Charles, from Minnie"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Thomas and Margery"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Ayton"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mrs Mountjoy and Mr and Mrs B. Allin"; "With kindest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Baker and Arthur"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Dennett and family"; "In affectionate remembrance of a grand old man of 83, from L. R. Mills"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Lennard Gander"; "With sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Crouch"; "With deepest sympathy, from ?? Alice Lennard"; "With sympathy and kind remembrance from Mrs Phillips"; "In remembrance of Mr C. Collins, Mr and Mrs A. Sheather"; "In remembrance of Mr Collins, Mr and Mrs F. Hutchinson"; "In loving memory of Mr Collins, Mr and Mrs Bourner (Hooe)"

<b>1931 Oct 24</b>	<b>Bereavement - Mrs M. M. Newport</b>	<b>Bexhill Observer</b>
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The following is the newspaper report of the funeral of my great grandmother, Matilda Martha Sarah Newport (née Natt), who, in 1866, married my great grandfather, George Newport, at the church of St. George, Hanover Square, in what was then, Middlesex.

**Bereavement** – *On Friday the death occurred at Hooe of Mrs M. M. Newport, widow of Mr George Newport, of Hampstead, and mother of Mr. J. Newport, of Hooe. She was aged 88. The funeral took place at the Hampstead cemetery on Wednesday. The mourners were: - Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Newport, (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Bradfield (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. Robert Newport (son), Mrs. Hewison (niece), Mrs. Lambourne (niece), and Mrs Nutt (niece). The floral tributes were inscribed as follows: - "In deepest sympathy, from Ada, Tom and family"; "With love and deepest sympathy, from all at 173, Goldhurst-terrace"; "With sweet sympathy and remembrance of sister Till, from James and Sally"; "With fond remembrance from an old friend, from Miss Pilbeam (Hooe)"; "With deepest sympathy and love, from Annie, Ted and little Ted"; "In affectionate remembrance, from May, Arthur and Joyce (Australia)"; "In kind remembrance, from Will, Polly and family (U.S.A.)" "In loving memory, from all the grandchildren"; "In loving memory, from John and Emily"; " With sincere sympathy, from Mrs. Bourner, Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. Lennard and Mrs. Vitler (Hooe); "In loving memory, from Harry, Emily and family"; "In loving memory, from Bob, May and friends at Exeter."*

<b>1931 Nov 07</b>	<b>Death of Mr. J. Barton</b>	<b>Bexhill Observer</b>
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**DEATH OF MR. J. BARTON** - The Village has lost one of its oldest inhabitants, by the death on Sunday morning, after three weeks' illness, of Mr. John Barton. A well-known and popular figure in Hooe; where he had lived over 50 years. Mr. Barton was formerly a carrier. He was 80 years .of age, and leaves a widow, two daughters and two sons, one of whom is Mr. H. J. Barton, of the "Red Lion" The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, the service at the Parish church being conducted by the Rev. C. A. Weeks.

The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. F. Morley (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. and Mrs. H.J. Barton (son and (daughter-in-law), and Mr. Barton (son).



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Mrs. A. Fowle (daughter) of Godalming was unable to be present owing to due illness. In addition to those from the family, the tributes were from Mr. W. Cornford, Mr. and Mrs. G. Pont and baby, Mrs. Hurdle, Mrs. Bourner, Mrs. Dodson, Mrs. B. Pocock, and "a friend".

<b>1932 Apr 02</b>	<b>Ninfield – Death of Mr. Donald Sargent</b>	<b>Bexhill Observer</b>
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### Ninfield

**Death of Mr Donald Sargent** -- the death of Mr Donald Sargent, of High Knolls, occurred on Saturday, at St Thomas hospital, London, after a long and painful illness. Mr Sargent, who was aged 38, had lived in Ninfield all his life. He was a member of the Hooe Prize Band and, until a few years ago, played football regularly for Ninfield. The funeral took place at St Mary's Church yesterday (Thursday).

<b>1932 Apr 09</b>	<b>“The late Mr. Donald Sargent” (Ninfield and Hooe)</b>	<b>Bexhill Observer</b>
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### “THE LATE MR. DONALD SARGENT” - “FUNERAL AT NINFIELD”

The funeral took place on Thursday last week of Mr Donald Sargent, of High Knoll, Ninfield, whose death at the age of 38 was reported in our last issue. Mr. Sargent enlisted in the 11th Sussex at the beginning of the war and was twice wounded. The service was held at St. Mary's Church, the Rev. E.H. Rudkin officiating, and the interment was in the church graveyard.

The mourners were Mr and Mrs T. Sargent (father and mother), Mr and Mrs Graham (brother-in-law and sister), Miss Ida Sargent (sister), Miss Greta Sargent (sister), Miss Ena Sargent (sister), Mr A. Morris (brother-in-law), Mr G. Sargent (brother), Mr and Mrs George Munn, (uncle and aunt), Miss M.Munn (cousin), Mr S. Munn (cousin), Mr Charles Munn (uncle), Mrs Lennard (aunt), Mrs Thompson (aunt), Mrs E. Sargent (aunt), Mr and Mrs Alec Sargent (cousins), Mr and Mrs B. Mitchell (cousins), Mrs Bernard Smith, members of the British Legion, including Mr C. F. Watherston (secretary) and Mr C. St. John Phillips (Chairman), and members of the Hooe Prize Band.

The family wreath and was inscribed, "Goodbye, Donald, from all at home", and the other floral tributes were from: Millie, Jim and Michael; Doris, Arthur, Janet, and Jennifer; Aunt Alice, Uncle Edwin and family; Aunt Charlotte, Uncle George, Marjorie and Sid; Aunt Annie and family (London); Aunt Emily, Uncle Fred and Nellie; Aunt Edie; Doris; the Standard Hill branch of the British Legion; the Hooe Band; Mr and Mrs Barton; Mr and Mrs Blackham; Mr and Mrs Evernden; Ronald Evernden; Maisie, Bert and Jim (East Grinstead); Mrs J. Darby; Mr and Mrs A. T. Ridel and family; Captain and Mrs Broughton; Mrs E. Jeffrey and family; Mr and Mrs J. Collins and family; Charlie and Kathleen; Mr and Mrs W. Hopper; Mr and Mrs Reg Pont; Mr and Mrs M. Pont; Mr and Mrs H. Sargent (Hooe); Edwin and Beatrice; Mrs R. Simmons and family; all at Coombe Hill Farm; Mr and Mrs A. Lade; Agnes and Alec, Pearl and Brew???. Mr and Mrs B. Packham; Mr and Mrs C. Elphick; Mr and Mrs S. Watson; Mr and Mrs L. Pont; Mr and Mrs Reg B???ing; Olive and Daphne; Frank Duke; Mr and Mrs Veness and family; Mr and Mrs B. Smith and family; Mr and Mrs G B???ing and Nellie; Mr and Mrs G. Simmons; Mr and Mrs H. Smith and Ida; Mr and Mrs Ballard and family; Harold and Tom Ransom; Mr and Mrs G. Impett (Brighton).

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr Hall, of Ninfield.

Mr and Mrs T. Sargent and family wish to thank all kind friends for their sympathy shown during Donald's illness.



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<b>1932 Jul 23</b>	<b>Hooe- Death of Mr C. Smith – boot repairer</b>	<b>Bexhill Observer</b>
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### DEATH OF MR C. SMITH

Hooe lost a well-known resident by the death, on Sunday, after a long illness, of Mr Charles Smith, of 4, Council-cottages. Aged 63, Mr Smith was a good repairer and was a member of the Standard Hill branch of the British Legion. A widow, two sons, and two daughters are bereaved. The funeral took place on Wednesday at the Perish Church. The Vicar (the Rev C. Weekes) officiated, and hymn, "Abide with me" was sung. The mourners were the widow, Mr Cecil Smith (son), Mr and Mrs C. Smith (son and daughter-in-law), Mr H. Taylor (brother-in-law), Mrs Brand (sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs Goddard (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs E. Taylor (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mrs W. Taylor (sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs H. Taylor (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mrs B. Smith, Mrs T. Lewis, Mr J. Lewis, Mrs Russell, Mr H. Brown, Mr A. Lennard, Mr Tooth, Mr F. Vitler, Mr F. Hayes, Mr C. W. Ward, and Captain C. F. Watherstone (representing the British Legion). Floral tributes were as follows: -- "From his sorrowing wife and family"; Uncle Horace; Mr and Mrs Dodson; Mr and Mrs Newport; Mr and Mrs F. Pilbeam; Dr Shillito; Mr and Mrs P. Constant; A. W. Ward; Lil and Cecil; Mr and Mrs F. Hayes and Drusy; Mr and Mrs A. Lennard; Louie and John, Jennie and Vic; Mr and Mrs Russell and family; Walter, Maud, and family; Standard Hill branch of the British Legion; Birdie, Harry, and Janet; Mr and Mrs A. Carey; Jack and Clive; Mr and Mrs Lewis and the girls; Edgar, Emily, and family; Mr and Mrs B. Smith and family. The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr W. A. Hall, of Lunsford Cross. Mrs C. Smith and family wish to thank all kind friends for the expressions of sympathy and beautiful floral tributes sent

<b>1932 Sep 01</b>	<b>Sudden Death at Hooe – Mrs L. A. Winchester</b>	<b>Bexhill Observer</b>
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### “SUDDEN DEATH AT HOOE” - “FUNERAL OF MRS L. A. WINCHESTER”

The funeral took place at the Bexhill Cemetery on Saturday of Mrs Lucy Ann Winchester, whose death occurred suddenly the previous Thursday while staying with her daughter Mrs J. Waters, at Holmes Farm Cottages, Hooe.

This Winchester, who was 80, was the widow of Mr Mark Winchester, a native of Ashburnham, who was for many years an employee on the Ashburnham Estate.

The Rev Leslie H. Clench officiated at the service in the cemetery chapel and at the graveside.

The mourners were Mr and Mrs H. Winchester (son and daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs W. J. Burl (son-in-law and daughter), Mr and Mrs E. H. Paroissin (son-in-law and daughter), Mr and Mrs J. Waters (son-in-law and daughter), Miss A. Winchester (daughter), Miss Phyllis Burl (grand-daughter), Miss Joan Wilson, Mrs Metcalfe, Mrs Philip constant and Mrs B.Stace.

The floral tributes were inscribed as follows; --

"To our dear mother with love from all her children"; "In affectionate remembrance, from Bert, Lizzie and Edith"; "

With loving thoughts of dear grandma, from Minnie and Phyllis"; "With love to our dear grandma, from Rene and May"; "Mr and Mrs Philip constant, with our sincere sympathy"; "With deepest sympathy, from Frank"; "With sincere sympathy, from Mrs Russell"; "Kind remembrances, from Mr and Mrs E. Tooth"; "With love and all kind thoughts, from L. Glistler"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs F. Lewis"; "To dear Mrs Winchester with love and sympathy, from Gladys and Doris"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Lennard and Mrs Bourner"; "In affectionate remembrance of an old friend, from Mrs Fenwick and Mrs Metcalfe"; "With deepest sympathy, from Miss Keeble"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Frank Lennard"; "In real sympathy, from Mr and Mrs O'Dowd and family (Ireland)".



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The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr A. F. Wellington, of Messers Miller and Franklin, St Lennards-road, Bexhill.

The family of the late Mrs Winchester desire to express the grateful thanks to all friends for messages of sympathy and floral tributes.

<b>1932 Nov 05</b>	<b>Ninfield – Funeral of Mr S. Cuthbert of “Maple Cottage”, Hooe</b>	<b>Bexhill Observer</b>
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### **“THE LATE MR S. CUTHBERT” - “FUNERAL AT NINFIELD”**

Aged 62, Mr Cuthbert was a native of Ninfield, and moved to Hooe 41 years ago. For many years he was the secretary of the Hooe Slate Club and treasurer of the Football Club, and had at one time been secretary of the Hospital Parade and of the Hooe Bonfire Society. He had also acted as treasurer of the Village Hall Committee, but during the past few years he had been obliged to give up his various activities on account of ill health.

The service was held at the Ninfield Parish Church, and the interment was in the churchyard. The Rector (the Rev E. H. Rudkin) and the Vicar of Hooe (the Rev C. A. Weeks) officiated.

The mourners were the widow, Mrs Barrett and Miss Fauch (sisters), Mr and Mrs G. Cuthbert (brother and sister-in-law), Mr G. Cuthbert (nephew), Miss D. Cuthbert (niece), Mr Oliver and Mr Stubberfield (brothers-in-law), Mr and Mrs Isted (nephew and niece), Mrs James Pilbeam (cousin), Mrs J. Crouch (cousin), Miss Everett, Mrs Clifton, Mr Thorpe, Mrs Freeman and Mrs Deeprise.

Others present at the church included Mr G. Vitler, Mr F. Sheather, Mr and Mrs B. Smith, Mr W. Barton, Mr Hayes, Mr and Mrs H. Crouch, Miss H. Jeffrey, Mrs S. Jeffrey, Mrs H. Creasy, Mrs Sargent, Mrs Lennard, Mrs Bourner, Mrs Hoad, Mr Gates, Mr Lawrence and Mrs Few.

Mr A. Freeman, Mr A. Lennard, Mr F. Vitler and Mr H. Hammond acted as bearers, wearing white smocks.

The floral tributes were inscribed as follows: --

"In loving memory of a devoted husband, from his sorrowing wife"; "In affectionate remembrance, from George, Minnie and family". "In loving memory of our dear brother, from Kate, Polly and Grace"; "In loving memory, from Rosina and Charlie"; "With sincere sympathy, from Will and all at 3, Tanyard Cottages, Battle"; "In loving memory of our dear uncle, from Dorothy, Rene, Ruby and Will"; "In memory of dear Uncle Stephen, with love from Jimmie"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs L. Pont and family"; "With sincere sympathy from Mr and Mrs James Pilbeam and May"; "In loving memory of Uncle Stephen, from Tom, Rose and Grace"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs J. Crouch"; "With happy remembrances and kind sympathy, from Mr and Mrs E. M. Paul"; "With much sympathy, from all at Drayton Lodge"; "With deep sympathy and in kindest remembrance of an old friend, from Mrs Jeffrey"; "With deep sympathy and kind remembrance of a life-long friend, from Bert, Alice and family"; "With sincere sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Burt and Joan"; "With sincere sympathy and deepest respect from the men and women of the Hooe Slate Club"; "With sincere sympathy, from Hooe Football Club"; "With deepest sympathy and kind remembrances, from Mr G. Vitler and Mr and Mrs Lennard"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Budd and family"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs S. Sargent"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Ballard, Cecil, Will and Ern"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mog and Sid Ballard"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Cornford and Ivan"; "In memory of a dear friend and with deepest sympathy, from Alice"; "With sincere sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Walter Munn and family"; "Kind remembrances of Mr Cuthbert, from Mr and Mrs F. Pilbeam"; "From Mr and Mrs C. Bate and family, with deepest sympathy"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs B. Smith"; "Kind remembrances, from Ern"; "From Alice and Charlie"; "In kind remembrances of Mr Cuthbert, from Mr and Mrs Vitler, Mr Lewis and Dudley"; "With deepest sympathy, from Elsie and Percy Simmons"; "With sincere sympathy, from Mr and Mrs A. Lade and family"; "In kind remembrances, from Mr and Mrs H. Clifton and



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family"; "A tribute to a dear friend, with pleasant memories and deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Bourner and family"; "With deepest sympathy from Mr and Mrs Freeman"; "With kind thoughts of a patient sufferer, from G. D. Frost"; "With sincere sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Russell and family"; "With sincere sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Russell and family"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Newport and family"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr J. Gates"

<b>1932 Dec 24</b>	<b>"Old Hooe Inhabitant" – Mr S. Sellens</b>	<b>Bexhill Observer</b>
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### **"OLD HOOE INHABITANT" - "DEATH OF MR S. SELLENS"**

By the death of Mr Samuel Sellens, which occurred on Wednesday of last week, Hooe lost an old and highly respected resident. Mr Sellens had lived in the village for over 30 years, and his character and good work had endeared him to all. His passing is a great loss to the Lower Ninfield Methodist Church. Up to a few years ago, he was an active worker in the Sunday School, and at the time of his death, he was society steward, class leader, and secretary of the Trustees' Committee. Whatever position he failed, the discharge of his duties with great fidelity and thoroughness. He was aged 80 and leaves a widow and two sons.

The funeral took place on Saturday. A service was conducted at the Lower Methodist Church by the Rev R. Bewick, of St Leonards, and in addition to many Hooe and Ninfield friends, there was a large gathering of sympathisers from the St Leonards Circuit. Mr Bewick paid a moving tribute to Mr Sellens, with special reference to his work in connection with the church. The hymns "Jesu, Lover of my Soul", and "Peace, Perfect Peace", were sung. Miss Roberts was at the organ. The interment took place at Sedlescombe.

The mourners were: -- Mr and Mrs W. Sellens (son and daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs F. R. Sellens (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs A. Shoesmith, Mrs R. Shoesmith, Mr and Mrs H. Hoad, Mr G. Christian, Mrs H. Cox (Brighton), Mrs W. H. Christian, Mrs Wilson, Mrs H. Jempson, Mr W. Veness, Mr A. Veness, Mr T. Roberts (Worthing), the Misses Cramp (Burwash), Mrs Turner (Staplecross), Mrs Brown, Mrs Freeman and Mr. Kenward.

The floral tributes bore the following inscriptions: --

"In affectionate remembrance, from Will and Annie"; "In loving memory, from mother, Fred and Minnie"; "To darling grand-dad, from his little man, Bob"; "In loving memory and deepest sympathy from all at 153, Grierson-road, Honor Oak Park, and Miss Dolby (Eastbourne)"; "In loving memory, from the teachers and scholars of the Sunday School, Lower Ninfield"; "Fondest remembrance, from all at Chatham"; "Deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs F. Pilbeam"; "A token of respect, from the National Deposit Friendly Society"; "Deepest sympathy, from Alec, Agnes and family"; "Deepest sympathy and in loving memory, from the Lower Methodist Church"; "With kindest remembrance and sympathy, from Nellie"; "With deepest sympathy, from Ruby, George and Sheila"; "With deepest sympathy, from the staff of Cave, Austin, Ltd., Eastbourne"; "In memory, from friends of the Upper Ninfield Methodist Church"; "Deepest sympathy, from Ruby Peckham"; "Deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Spark, Pam and Paul"; "Deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs H. Clifton and family"; "In loving memory of an old friend, from Mr F. Pilbeam and Lottie"; "In affectionate remembrance of Mr Sellens, from Cecil and Kathleen"; "Deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Bourner"; also, "In happy memories of a dear Sunday School teacher, from George Bourner"; "With ever loving memory and deepest sympathy, from Alf and Alice Lennard, Joyce and Philip"; "With deepest sympathy, from two little Sunday School friends, Florence and Joyce Barnes"; "With love and sympathy from George, Floss and Ronnie"; "In loving memory, from Fred, Carrie and family"; "With deepest sympathy, from H. A. Budden and Ethel"; "To dear uncle, from Carrie, Alf, Harriett, Tom, Doff and Reg"; "With kind remembrance and deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs H. Sargent"; "With sincere sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Pattenden, Bert, Charlie and Cecil"; "Sincere and deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs S. Dodson"; "Deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Brown, Miss Kennett, Maurice and Derek"; "In kind remembrance of an old friend from Mabel, Arthur, Nellie and all"; "Deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Russell and family"; "To Mr Sellens, with all kind thoughts and deep sympathy, from Mr and Mrs B. Smith and family"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Latter"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mrs Bryant, Jim, Tom and Doris"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr Turner"; "With love from the Burwash Friends";



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"With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Len Gander"; "In very dear remembrance of uncle, from Auntie Nancy and Uncle Bill's family"; "With love to uncle, from David, Margaret, Geoffrey and Edna"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mrs Hollington and boys".

Mr Hall, of Lunsford Cross, was the undertaker.

Mrs S. Sellens and family wish to return very sincere thanks for the many letters of sympathy and the beautiful floral tributes.

<b>1933 Feb 04</b>	<b>Death of Mrs Frances Sellens</b>	<b>Bexhill Observer</b>
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### **HOOE - DEATH OF MRS FRANCES SELLENS**

Mrs Frances Sellens, an old inhabitant, died on Monday at her son's home, at St Ives, Huntingdon. Mrs Sellens was the widow of Mr Samuel Sellens, who died at Hooe six weeks ago. Aged 82, she had lived in the village for 31 years, and was formerly actively connected with the Lower Ninfield Methodist Church. On the death of a husband last December she went to live with her son at St Ives.

<b>1933 Feb 25</b>	<b>Died in Road – Hooe Man’s Collapse</b>	<b>Bexhill Observer</b>
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### **DIED IN ROAD - HOOE MAN’S COLLAPSE**

A single man, named Walter Merreny aged 59, caretaker of Court Lodge Farm, Hooe, dropped dead outside Sadler's Farm, Hooe, about 12:15 p.m. yesterday (Thursday), Merreny was on his way to the village to cash a cheque.

The facts were reported to the Coroner (Mr F. C. Sheppard), but as Merreny was being treated by a doctor at the time of his death, an inquest was not seemed deemed necessary.

<b>1933 Mar 04</b>	<b>The Late Mr Merrony, caretaker of Court Lodge farm</b>	<b>Bexhill Observer</b>
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### **HOOE - THE LATE MR MERRONY**

The funeral of Mr Walter Merrony, caretaker at Court Lodge farm, who dropped dead the previous Thursday at the age of 58, took place at St Oswald's Church on Monday.

The Rector of Ninfield (the Rev E. H. Rudkin) officiated. The mourners were Mr G. Merrony, Mr F. Merrony and Mr H. Merrony (brothers), Mrs H. Merrony (sister-in-law), Mr Spiers (brother-in-law), Miss Doris morale may (niece), and Mr W. Merrony and Mr R. Merrony (nephew's).

Among the sympathisers in the church were Mr and Mrs Sands, Mr White, Mr Hopkins, Mr C. Ballard, Mrs Saunders, Mrs G. Freeman, Mrs W. Freeman and Miss Hayward. The floral tributes are inscribed as follows; "To the memory of a fine old soldier, from Mr and Mrs Eric Fry"; "A token of remembrance and love, from Mr and Mrs B. Saunders"; "With deepest sympathy, from employees of W. A. Froy and Sons, Hammersmith"; "To Wallie, from Lizzie and Bert"; "With deepest sympathy, from Alfred, Bert, Maud and family"; "Dear love, from Annie, Edie, and Doris"; "In loving memory of our dear friend, from Mog Ballard and all at Kimberley Cottage, Hooe"; "With kind remembrance of Mr Merrony, from his old pals at Court Lodge, Mr Hopkins, Mr Sands, and Mr C. Ballard"; "With deepest sympathy, from all at Voile and Stream



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Side"; "From Daisy and little Albert"; "With deepest sympathy, from the end the sands and little Nelson". Mr G. Pellett of Messers Miller and Franklin, Ltd., St Leonards-road, Bexhill, was the funeral director.

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### **HOOE FARMER**

#### **DEATH OF MR T. E. GANDER**

A member of the Hooe Parish council and well-known in the village for his cheerful disposition, Mr Thomas Edward Gander, of School Farm, died on Saturday at the age of 58.

A native of Herstmonceux, Mr Gander was the oldest son of Mr Thomas Gander, and came to live in the village when a lad of 13.

He was for many years a manager of Hooe School and a member of the Catsfield Lodge of the R.A.O.B.

Mr Gander was for several years a member of the Hooe tug-o'-war team and captained the side in 1927, when they won the Little Park Challenge Cup. He was also a special constable and did good service in this capacity at Hooe during the war.

At the funeral, which took place on Wednesday, the coffin was conveyed by a farm waggon to St Oswald's Church, where the service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev C. A. Weeks).

The bearers, who were dressed in white smocks, were Mr A. Freeman, Mr Will Sargent, Mr Sands, and Mr Frank Vitler.

The mourners were: Mr Jack Gander (brother), Mr C. Gander (brother), Mr and Mrs L. Gander (brother and sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs E. Gander (brother and sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs B. Gander (brother and sister-in-law) Mrs Holyer, Mrs Bourne, Mrs Kenward, and Mrs Newbury (sisters), Mr C. Hovell (nephew), Mr S. Honeysett (cousin), Mr Bourne (brother-in-law), Mr Stephen Saunders (uncle), Mr L. Saunders (cousin), and Mrs L. Saunders.

Among the many sympathisers in the church were: Mrs Dodson, Mr H. Barton, Mr and Mrs James Lurk, Mr J. Newport (representing the Parish Accounts), Mr W. Carey, Mrs Freeman, Mrs Munn, Miss Hayward, Mr George Vitler, Mr Lewis, and Nurse Neil.

The floral tributes bore the following inscriptions: --

"In loving memory, from his three sisters and brother, Mary, Nance, Fan, and Jack"; "In loving memory, from Ern and Grace to dear Tom."; "In loving memory, from Bert and Mabel."; "In loving memory, from Len and Fan, with kind thoughts."; "In loving memory, from Kitty and George."; "Loving memory, from Eric to dear Uncle Tom, with lots of love."; "With deepest sympathy, from Mrs Braddy, Amy, and Roland."; "With deepest sympathy to Tom, from his cousins at Brighton."; "With sincere regret at the loss of a good master, from Cyril Munn."; "In loving memory of dear Mr Gander, from Clifford Munn."; "Mr Miles Stapylton Smith and son, with deepest sympathy."; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Luck and family."; "Messers Packhan Bros., with deepest sympathy."; "With sincere sympathy, from Mr and Mrs James Pilbeam."; "With deep regret and much sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Berthon Sparke (Tanyard House)."; "Sent in deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs A. Pocock."; "Sincere sympathy, from Mr and Mrs W. Pocock."; "With sincere sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Dodson."; "With kind sympathy, from all at Sand Hall."; "With heartfelt sympathy, from Mr A. Pocock and Lewis."; "With sincere sympathy, from all and Dewby's Farm."; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs H. Clifton and family."; "With deepest sympathy, from the staff and scholars of Hooe School."; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs F. Head."; "With sincere sympathy, from Mr and Mrs B. Smith."; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs



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Barton."; "With deep sympathy, from Mr and Mrs H. Sargent and family."; "In loving memory of dear Tom, from his brother, Cliff, and family."; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr W. Crouch."; "In loving memory of a dear friend, from Mr and Mrs Bournier and George."; "With kind remembrance of an old friend, from George Vitler, and deepest sympathy from Mr and Mrs Lennard."; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs George Sargent."; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Froy, of Court Lodge."; "With deepest sympathy and respect, from Mr and Mrs Sands."; "With deepest sympathy and memory of a dear old friend, from Mr and Mrs G. Hawkins."; "In loving memory of dear Tom, from Elizzie, Stephen, and Jim." "With sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Carter,' Oldbury', Hooe."; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Bate and family,' Oldbury'."; "In loving remembrance, from George to Tom."; "Fondest memory, from Rose, Tom, Cliff, and Rosina."; "With deepest sympathy, from Mrs W. Carey, Will and Louise."; "With deepest sympathy, from Uncle Sam, Aunt Susie, Alf, and Edith."; "In loving memory of Tom, from old pals."; "With deepest sympathy and remembrance, from St Bartholomew's Hospital camping friends."; "With sincere sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Newport."; "In loving memory of Cousin Tom, from Bert and Rose."

Messers Gander Bros. wish to thank all kind friends for messages of sympathy and floral tributes.

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### **HOOE GARDENER'S SUICIDE**

#### **Boy Sees Father Shoot Himself**

##### **"Lived on imagination"**

A nine-year old Hooe boy described at an inquest on Wednesday how he saw his father shoot himself in the back garden of his home.

The inquest was on Charles George Comber, aged 33, of Court Lodge Bungalow, Hooe, head gardener to Mr Fry of Court Lodge. The District Coroner (Mr F. C. Sheppard) conducted the inquiry in a room at the bungalow.

Kate Harriet Comber, deceased's widow, related that on the previous morning at 7 o'clock, while she was still in bed, she heard her husband go out after he had addressed.

"He had been out two or three minutes when I heard a gun shot", she continued. "Then, after about a minute, I heard a second shot. It was as if he had loaded up again".

"I got out of bed and looked out of the window to see what he had got, as I thought he was partridge shooting. I saw the dog and thought it was retrieving what he had shot. I could not see my husband, so I thought he was out in the direction of the stack, where he went on the night before.

"I decided to dress, and put my stockings on. Then I heard a third shot, and immediately after, my boy, Freddie, came running in and said, 'Mummy, dad has shot himself'."

"I did not believe it, but I dashed out in my stockinged feet and in my nightgown to the shed in the back garden. He was lying there, with the gun decided him. I said, 'Oh, George, do not play the fool, as I did not think he had shot himself. Then I knelt down beside him, and felt the blood. He did not move."

### **DEPRESSED AND TROUBLED**

Replying to the Coroner, Mrs Comber said the gun was lent to her husband about a month before. They had been at Court Lodge since August. Deceased had always been used to handling a gun, and he had used this one for shooting rats. She saw nothing he could have shot that morning and did not know what he took the gun out for.



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The Coroner -- Hell has your husband being in health lately? -- The has sort of felt he must do something or go somewhere. He has been on edge for a good while.

He has been in a nervous condition? -- Yes.

Further questioned by the Coroner, witness said deceased was ill about three years ago and had since complained of pains around the heart. He also thought at times he was suffering from appendicitis when he heard of other people who were. Witness thought he was living on imagination. He had seemed depressed and was troubled aAbout a court case. A lady where he had worked gave him a weeks notice and ordered him out of the house. He considered he was entitled to a month's notice.

The Coroner -- he had taken proceedings to recover wages, had he? -- Yes

He had been nervy and depressed -- Yes, at times.

### **THREE SHOTS**

Bertram Saunders of Court Lodge Cottage, a farm carter, said on the previous morning at about seven o'clock he heard a noise. He sent the boy to shut the door, and the boy came back and said deceased was pigeon shooting. Witness heard a similar noise immediately after, and then a third. These sounds came at intervals of a moment or too. Mrs Comber's little boy came to him immediately after and said, "Come Daddy has shot himself".

I found Mr Comber lying at the end of the shed. The gun was by his side. I found one discharged cartridge, continued witness.

Witness had known deceased since he came to Court Lodge two months before. Deceased had always seemed cheery. Witness had known him use of this gun before.

The Coroner, There was no one else about when you went out? No, only Mrs Comber, and the boy.

Arthur Sands, of ????, Little Common, a gardener at Court Lodge, identified a gun produced as his property. He lent it to deceased some time in August to shoot Pigeons and rats. It was a 16-bore gun, and the right trigger was missing. It was only possible to use the left trigger and barrel. He looked at the right-hand barrel and it was empty

Sands, continuing, said he worked with deceased, who came the first week in August. One week deceased was very quiet and seemed reserved. Witness did not know of any worries all troubles he had, although once deceased asked him how his appendicitis had taken him. Witness said he thought he had symptoms of appendicitis several years ago.

Son's evidence

Deceased's nine year old son, Frederick John Valentine Comber, said he did not see his father got out. Witness went out with the dog at about six o'clock to get some mushrooms. He went to the field at the bottom of the orchard, and then came back.

"When I was halfway down the hill, coming back, I heard a shot", he continued, "When I got to the steps -- about a minute after -- I heard another shot. Then I went round to the shed, chained the dog up, and took the mushrooms indoors."

"I saw dad run round the shed, and I ran round the other way. I saw dad holding the gun in his hand, pointing towards him. Then he shot. When I heard the report I ran indoors and told Mother. When we came out we saw him lying on the ground."



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The Coroner, at this stage, handed the gun to the witness to demonstrate how his father held it. Witness rested the butt against the edge of the Coroner's table and pointed the barrel against his chest, showing how deceased rested the butt against the wall of the shed before pulling the trigger.

The Coroner -- You could see his hand on the trigger? -- Yes, he pulled it.

Dr Lancelot Shillito, of Boreham Street, Herstmonceux, said he examined the body at 7.50 a.m. It was on the ground behind the shed, and life was extinct. Mail was a penetrating the wound over the heart, obviously caused by the discharge of a cartridge. Death from this wound must have been instantaneous. There were other small superficial wounds, also on the left side of the body.

### **SELF-DESTRUCTION**

Returning a verdict of "suicide by gunshot wound while of unsound mind", the Coroner said he was satisfied that death was due to the gunshot wound through the heart, and that the wound was self-inflicted.

"It seems to me somewhat extraordinary that there should have been three reports heard, and that there are three wounds", he proceeded, "but I have not the slightest doubt that the first two wounds were deliberate attempt at self-destruction. The gun could not be got into a satisfactory position to inflict the fatal wound until it was put up against the shed, and then deliberately fired with the object of self-destruction."

"I was particularly impressed by the intelligent manner in which the small boy made his statement and to my mind it is very obvious that he was speaking nothing but the truth, and that he observed carefully what happened. I accept his statement, and my verdict is that this man committed suicide. I think there is sufficient evidence given by the widow to justify me in saying he was of unsound mind at the time he committed the act.

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### **HOOE**

#### **Funeral of Mr. C. G. Comber**

The funeral took place last Friday of Mr Charles George Comber, the head gardener at Court Lodge Farm, whose death was the subject of an inquest. The service at St Oswald's Parish Church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev A. Weeks). The mourners were the widow, Frederick John Valentine Comber (the nine-year old son of the deceased), Mr and Mrs G. Comber (father and mother), Mr and Mrs Stepney (father-in-law and mother-in-law), Mr Jim Comber, Mr Henry Comber and Mr Bobby Comber (brother's), and Miss Mabel Comber (sister). Mr G. Pellett of Messers Miller and Franklin and Co. Ltd. St Leonards-road, Bexhill was the funeral director.

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### **HOOE**

#### **The Late Mrs. Coombes**

The death occurred at Battle, at the age of 86, of Mrs Frances Ellen Coombes, who had formerly lived at Sadler's Farm, Hooe, for over 60 years. She was the widow of Mr James Coombes, who predeceased her about 30 years ago. The funeral took place at Hooe Churchyard, where the Rev C. A. Weeks officiated. The chief mourners were Mr H. Sheather (nephew), Mrs Phillips (niece), Mr F. Sheather (nephew), Miss



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Sheather (niece), Mr H. Sheather (nephew), Mrs Sheather (niece), Miss Hayward, Mrs Freeman and Mrs Munn. There were many beautiful floral tributes.

<b>1934 Aug 11</b>	<b>Hooe – Death of Mr. T. Lewis</b>	<b>Bexhill Observer</b>
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### **HOOE NATIVE**

#### **Death of Mr T. Lewis**

The funeral took place at St Oswald's Church, Hooe, on Thursday last week of Mr Thomas Lewis, aged 58, of Council Cottages, a native of Hooe, who had spent all his life in the village. The service at which the hymn "Abide with me" was sung, was conducted by the Rev A. S. F.Maitland, of All Saints, Sidley.

The mourners were the widow, Miss Molly Lewis and Miss Myra Lewis (daughters), Mr Jack Lewis (son), Mr and Mrs Clive Lewis (son and daughter-in-law), Mr S. Lewis (father), Mr and Mrs H. Hammond (brother-in-law and sister), Mr W. Lewis and Mr G. Lewis (brothers), Mr and Mrs L. Pont (brother-in-law and sister), Mr F. Mun (brother-in-law), Mr and Mrs H. Smith, Mrs B. Smith, Mrs T. Vitler and Mrs E. Tooth (cousin).

Many beautiful floral tributes were received.

Mrs Lewis and family wish to thank all friends for sympathy shown and flowers sent in their recent bereavement.

<b>1934 Sep 22</b>	<b>Hooe (Brass) Bandsman – death of Mr. W. Farmer, aged 26</b>	<b>Bexhill Observer</b>
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### **HOOE BANDSMAN**

#### **Death of Mr. W. Farmer**

The Hooe Brass Band lost a member by the death last Friday of Mr William Farmer, of 75, Reginald-Road, Bexhill.

Aged 26, he was the only son of Mr and Mrs T. W. Farmer, of Lunsford Cross Cottages, and was employed by Messers A. L. Roberts, F.R.H.S., nurserymen, of Ninfield-road. He leaves a widow.

The funeral took place on Tuesday at the Bexhill Borough Cemetery, following a service at St Mary Magdalen Church. The Rev. Father O'Neill officiated.

The mourners were the widow, Mr and Mrs T. W. Farmer (father and mother), Mr and Mrs A. C. Benge (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs C. A. Bennett (mother-in-law), Miss B. Bennett (sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs C. Mercer (uncle and aunt), Mr J. Farmer (uncle), Mrs R. Cramp and Mrs B. Digman (aunts), Mrs G. Veness, Mr and Mrs R. Cramp and Mrs A. C. Powell (cousins).

The sympathisers included Mr A. L. Roberts, F. R. H. S. (employer), Mr W. Howe and Mr Stanley Seymore (fellow employees), Mr Smith (bandmaster of the Hooe Band), and several fellow bandsmen, Mrs Packham (from the Ninfield Mission Hall), Mrs W. Roberts, Mr R. Roberts, Mrs Crisford, Miss Packham, Mr C. Clifton and Mrs Page.

The floral tributes were inscribed: --



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"Always in my memory. In remembrance of my dear husband, from his sorrowing wife"; "In ever loving memory of ideas son, William, from his heartbroken mother and father"; "In ever loving memory of our dearest brother, from his loving sister and brother, Dorothy and Alf"; "In ever loving memory of my dear son-in-law, from Mrs Bennett and family"; To dear Willie, with much love, from Uncle Jim"; "With loving wishes to my dear Uncle Wiggle, from little Noel"; "In ever loving memory of dear Bill, from his sister-in-law Bridie"; "In loving memory, from Auntie, Uncle, Mabel and Phyllis"; "With deepest sympathy, from Auntie Mary, Dick, Lil, Horace, and Grace"; "In loving memory of dear Willie, from Aunt Annie and Uncle George"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Mallows"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mabel and Arnold Roberts"; "With deepest sympathy, from fellow bandsmen of Hooe Brass Band"; "From Mr and Mrs R. Deeprose and Mabel, with deepest sympathy (Southsea)"; "With sincere sympathy, from Mr and Mrs W. Roberts and Nora"; "Kind remembrance, from Jack and Nellie"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mrs Fairall"; "With kind remembrance, from Mrs S. Sargent and Frances"; "With love and deepest sympathy, from Mary, Bessie and Fred"; "In affectionate remembrance, from Tessie and Stanley"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Wilson"; "With heartfelt sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Packham and family"; "With love, from John and Eileen"; "In affectionate remembrance, from May and Bob"; To dear Uncle Bill, from Nora and Paddy"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mrs Howe and Harold"; "With sincere sympathy, from Alf and Ciss"; "With deepest sympathy, from the girls at Ancaster House"; "With deepest sympathy, from Nora, Frances and Jim"; "In affectionate remembrance and sincere sympathy, from Mr and Mrs S. Morris and family"; "From Mr and Mrs J. Geal and family, in sympathy"; "A word of loving sympathy, from Annie and Leslie"; "With deepest sympathy from Mr and Mrs L. Pearson"; "With much sympathy, from Tommy and Margaret, Hastings"; "With the list sympathy, from Miss Packham and Gladys"; "With our deep sympathy, from Mrs Crisford and Mervyn"; "In affectionate remembrance of a real good pal, from Cecil and Kathleen"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Stevens"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs W. Crossingun"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Miss Foord"; "With sincere sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Vitler and Nellie"; "With sincere sympathy, from the staff at the Thorne Mill Nurseries".

The funeral arrangements were conducted by Mr J. P. Mummery, of Devonshire-Road, Bexhill.

Mrs Farmer wishes to thank all friends for their sympathy and floral tributes.

<b>1936 Feb 01</b>	<b>Ninfield - "Loss to Ninfield" – Death of Albert Lade</b>	<b>Bexhill Observer</b>
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### **LOSS TO NINFIELD**

Death of Mr Albert Lade

### **COFFIN BORNE BY WAGGON**

Ninfield villagers showed their deep regard for Mr Albert Lade, of Russell's Green, by attending in large numbers the funeral on Monday at the Parish Church, where the body was borne on a farm waggon drawn by two horses.

Mr Lade, who was aged 63, died the previous Thursday, and the news of his death was received with great sorrow in Ninfield, Hooe, and the surrounding district. He carried on business as a market gardener at Russell's Green and throughout the neighbourhood he was very well known.

Mr Lade was a native of Hailsham, but he came to Ninfield when a lad of 17 and resided in the village for 45 years. He identified himself with most of the local societies and organisations and took a keen interest in the village life. For a number of years he was a member of the Parish Council and was formerly chairman of the Village Hall Committee, being a trustee at the time of his death.

Interested in the most sports, Mr Lade served on the Ninfield Sports Committee, and in his younger days he was an enthusiastic cricketer and captained the Ninfield team for over 20 years. He was a member of the



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Bexhill Constitutional Club and had many friends in the town. Mr Lade also did a great deal of work in connection with the organisation of the Hooe Flower Show.

A widow, a son and a daughter are bereaved.

Four of his workmen, dressed in white smocks, acted as bearers of the funeral and walked by the coffin as it was drawn to the Church. Two carters led the horses.

The service was conducted by the Rev T. E. Wright of St Augustine's, Bexhill,

Hymns were sung by Mr Eric Bennett, of a Bexhill, and Mr Hoad was at the organ.

### **THE MOURNERS**

The mourners were the widow, Mr and Mrs C. Lade (son and daughter-in-law); Mr and Mrs S. Heady (son-in-law and daughter), Mr and Mrs George Lade (brother and sister-in-law); Mrs Fowler and Mrs Reed (sisters), Mr H. Barton

(brother-in-law) and Mrs Barton, Mrs Cornford (sister-in-law), Mr Howard Smith (brother-in-law), Mr H. Smith (brother-in-law) and Mrs Smith, Mrs B. Smith (sister-in-law), Mrs H. Taylor (sister-in-law) and Mrs Taylor, Mrs Kemp (aunt), Mrs Pont (niece), Mrs Hinckley (niece), and Mr Hinckley, Mr F. Pilbeam and Mr R. Catt (nephew). Mrs Hawkins (sister) was unable to be present.

Among those present at the church were Mr L. Benge, Major Ashby, Mr J. B. Sparke, J.P., Mr C. Card, Mr Percy Webber, Mr and Mrs Forsyth, Mr Pearson, Mr Winchester, Mr and Mrs Mephram, Mr and Mrs Anderson, Mr George Vidler, Mr Paine and Mrs Paine (Eastbourne), Mr and Mrs R. Pont, Mr and Mrs M. Golding, Mrs Bruce, Mr J. Martin and Mr H. Sargent.

The following members of the Bexhill Constitutional Club also attended: Mr A. Sinden, Mr W. Whitlock, Mr P. Muirhead, Mr G. Sargent, Mr B. Sargent and Mr Fred Willis.

Employees of Mr Lade acting as bearers were Mr J. Budd, jun., Mr F. Sands, H. Philpott's Mr J. Hoad. Mr S. Sargent and Mr J. Budd, sen., were the Carters.

### Floral tributes

The floral tributes are inscribed as follows: --

"In loving memory, from his sorrowing wife and family"; "From Yvonne, with love"; "From baby Peter, 'Night, night, Grand-dad'"; "From Kate and Albert, with love to our dear brother, one of the best"; "In loving memory, from Esther and the boys"; "In loving memory of my dear brother, from Kit and George"; "With deepest sympathy, from his employees"; "With deepest sympathy and in affectionate remembrance, from all at the Constitutional Club"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs W. Kemp, 'Redland's', Friday Street"; "In loving memory of dear Albert, from Harry and Maggie"; "With sincere sympathy, from B. and M. Smith and family"; "With deepest sympathy, from Sam, Nancy and Ida"; "With deepest sympathy from Frank and all at Dewbys Farm"; "With deepest sympathy, from Ella, Will and Ivan"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Forsyth"; "In affectionate remembrance, from Harry, Birdie and Janet"; "With deepest sympathy, from Howard and family (Catsfield)"; "From his sorrowing sister, Amy"; "With love and sympathy, from Millie and Harry and family"; "From Reg and May, in remembrance"; "With deepest sympathy, from Frank, Ethel and family"; "With deepest sympathy, from Jack and Hefpy and family, Star Inn, Normans Bay"; you bracket "With deepest sympathy, from Ida and Charles"; "With deepest sympathy, from Jean"; "In memory of a dear friend, from Bee and Reg"; "In loving memory of a dear friend, from Daisy and Ben"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mrs Bruce and family"; "To the memory of a friend and neighbour with deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs J. Berthion Sparke"; "To our dear Uncle, from Kath and Tom, 'One of the best gone to rest'"; "In loving memory of dear Uncle Albert, from Freda and Roger"; "in loving memory of Uncle Albert, from Edna and Gordon"; "With kind remembrance, from Aunt Lizzie and



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Olive"; "In remembrance, from Kathleen and Jack Hastings"; "With deepest sympathy, from Len and Vera"; "With much sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Sinclair"; "Kindest remembrance, from Mr and Mrs Neal and Kathleen"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs George Sargent, Shortwood Farm"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Ingram, St Leonards"; "' There is gladness in remembrance', from George"; "In remembrance, from Molly"; "From Kit, with deep sympathy"; "In kind remembrance of an old friend, from Mr and Mrs George Sargent and Jane, Bexhill"; "With sincere sympathy, from Mr and Mrs F. Sargent"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Paine, Bexhill"; "With deepest sympathy and in kind remembrance, from Mr and Mrs L. Pont"; "With deepest sympathy, from Packham Bros,; "With sincere sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Percy Webber"; "From Mr and Mrs Paine and family, Eastbourne"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs A. T. Ridel"; "A token of remembrance and sympathy, from Grace and Ted, George and Louie"; "From Mr and Mrs Weller, in remembrance"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr H. C. Hook and family"; "In remembrance, from Irene and Ken,' Comely Bank"

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr W. Hall.

Mrs Lade and family wish to thank all friends for their messages of sympathy.

<b>1936 Feb 29</b>	<b>Hooe – “The Late Mr W. C. Cornford”</b>	<b>Bexhill Observer</b>
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**THE LATE MR W. C. CORNFORD** -- the funeral took place in Hooe churchyard on Saturday of Mr William Charles Cornford, of Platt Cottage, Hooe Common, who died the previous Tuesday, aged 55. Mr Cornford was employed for 30 years on Denby Farm. His health had been poor for some time. The Rev A. W. E. Dowse officiated at the funeral.

The floral tributes were inscribed as follows: -- "With love to my dear husband, from his sorrowing wife and Ivan"; "In loving memory of dear Will, from Father, Mother, and Florence"; "With deepest sympathy, from Howard and family"; "In deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs G. R. Pont"; "In loving memory of my dear brother Will, from Sister Lizzie and family"; "In loving remembrance, from Harry, Birdie and Janet"; "In loving remembrance, from Rose and family"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mrs Cuthbert"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Brown and family and Miss Kennet"; "In loving memory of a dear friend and workmate, from George Bourner, John Martin and Bert Pocock"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Pescod"; "With love and sympathy, from Mr and Mrs W. Ward"; "With deepest sympathy, from H. and E. Martin"; "With sincere sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Dodson"; "With deepest sympathy, from Ida and Charlie"; "In loving remembrance, from Harry and Maggie"; "With sympathy from all at No 1, Elizabethan Cottages"; "With kind thoughts, from Babs and Cicely"; "With deepest sympathy from Mrs Lewis and family"; "With deep sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Berthon Sparke, Tanyard House"; "In loving remembrance, from Tom, Arthur and Alf"; "In loving remembrance of Uncle Will, from Ethel, Frank and family"; "In affectionate remembrance of dear Will, from Frank, and kind thoughts of dear Uncle Will, from Lottie, Kathleen and Cecil"; "With deepest sympathy from Bonn, Polly and family"; "with loving remembrance of Uncle Will, from Edna, Gordon and family"; "To Mr Cornford, with deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs a Pocock"; "With deepest sympathy, from Harry and Annie and Ida"; "With deep sympathy, from Harry and Milly"; "With sincere sympathy, from Mrs Deeprose"; "In kind remembrance of Mr Cornford, from Mr and Mrs Lennard, Joyce and Phil"; "To our dear brother, with kindest thoughts, Louis and Frank"; "With deepest sympathy, from Will and Hilda"; "In loving memory of my dear Uncle Will, from Joyce"; "In loving memory of dear Uncle Will, from John"; "With deepest sympathy, from Jack Hepsy and family"; "With deep sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Newport"; "In kind remembrance of dear Will from Tom and Daisy".

<b>1936 Mar 14</b>	<b>“Old Hooe Resident” – “Death of Mr C. J. Russell”</b>	<b>Bexhill Observer</b>
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The funeral took place at Ninfield on Saturday of Mr Charles John Russell, who was born at Hooe and spent his life of 66 years in the village.

"Jack", as he was generally called, had suffered a long illness, and had been blind for three years. In his younger days he was prominent in the village sports and at the Hooe Club Day. He was also a Primo of the old Ninfield Lodge R.A.O.B.

The Rev J. W. E. Dowse (vicar of Hooe) conducted the funeral service at Ninfield Church.

The mourners were the widow, Mr and Mrs F. H. Russell (son and daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs F. Russell (son and daughter-in-law), Mr C. S. Russell (son), Mrs S. Harmer (niece), Mr F. Parker (brother-in-law), Miss T. Edwards and Mr P. Ransom (nephew).

Among the sympathisers were Mr and Mrs B. Scrace, Mr and Mrs C. Bourner, Mrs Deeprise, Mr and Mrs Poysden, Mr J. J. Newport, Miss T. Ballard, Mr and Mrs Gurr and Miss A Waite.

The bearers, who were dressed in white smocks, were Messers A. Freeman, F. Vitler, A. Leonard and W. Luck.

Floral tributes were as follows: --

"In loving memory of my dear husband, from his sorrowing wife"; "In loving remembrance of dear father, from Fred and Lily (son and daughter-in-law)"; "In loving memory of dear father, from Frank and Doris (son and daughter-in-law)"; "In loving memory of dear dad, from Stanley (son)"; "To my dear grandstand, from little Doreen (grand-daughter)"; "To my grandad, from little Raymond (grandson)"; "In loving memory of Jack, from sister Kate"; "In loving memory of Uncle Jack, from Elsie and Steve (niece and nephew)"; "To Jack, in loving remembrance, from Emily and family (Bradford)"; "With deepest sympathy, Bill, Emily and family (Ninfield Gate)"; "With deepest sympathy, from Fred and Bessie (Catsfield)"; "Too dear Jack, with love, from Fanny, Edna and Billy (Eastbourne)"; "With deepest sympathy, from Fred and family, The Stream, Catsfield"; "With deepest sympathy, from Tessie"; "With sincere sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Scrace and family (Bexhill)"; "With deepest sympathy from Mr and Mrs F. Crossingham and Miss O'Dowd (Bexhill)"; "With deepest sympathy from Mr and Mrs Cornford and family (Hooe)"; "With sincere sympathy, from Mr and Mrs p constant"; "With sincere sympathy, from Mr and Mrs S. Dodson"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Pattenden and the boys (Hastings)"; "With our sincere sympathy, from Mr and Mrs J. Berthon Sparke"; "In kind remembrance, from Mr and Mrs B. Smith and family"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Pont and family"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mrs Deeprise"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs B. Barton"; "With sincere sympathy, from all at Parish Farm (Hooe)"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs J. H. Prescod"; "With deep sympathy, from Mr and Mrs J. J. Newport"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Poysden(Bexhill)"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Ballard and sons"; "With deepest sympathy from Mr and Mrs A. Pocock"; "To dear Mr Russell, from Walter Ballard".

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr W. Hall.

Mrs Russell and family wish to thank all friends for messages of kind sympathy and floral tributes

<b>1936 Apr 04</b>	<b>Hooe Blacksmith bereaved – Death of Mrs Hayes</b>	<b>Bexhill Observer</b>
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Sympathy has been extended to Mr F. Hayes, of the Forge, Hooe, in the loss he sustained by the death, on Saturday, at the Bexhill Hospital, of his wife, Mrs Alice Mildred Hayes. She was aged 56.



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Mrs Hayes was born at Little Common, and was married there 30 years ago. In addition to the widower, two daughters are bereaved. Mr Hayes has been the village blacksmith and proprietor of the general stores for many years, and is also a warden at St Oswald's Parish Church.

A large number of sympathising friends and neighbours attended the funeral on Thursday. The service included the hymns "Lead kindly light" and "How sweet the name of Jesus sounds". Mr C. T. Card was at the organ, and played the "Londonderry Air" as a voluntary, while the Nunc Dimittis was sung at the close. The grave was strewn with primroses.

The family mourners were the widower, Mr and Mrs C. R. Smith (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs A. E. Smith (sister); Mr Tom Duke "brother", Mr and Mrs W. C. Greed (brother-in-law and sister), Mr Frank Duke (brother), Mr Gordon Smith, Mr H. O. Smith (nephew), Mr Tom Bodle (uncle), Miss L. Cheal (Aunt), Mr F. Cheal (cousin), Mr and Mrs H. Hayes (brother-in-law and sister-in-law).

Among those in the congregation were Mrs C. Smith, Mrs H. Creasy (Catsfield), Mrs Foord (St Leonards), Mr and Mrs J. J. Newport, Mrs and Miss Dowse, members of the Mothers Union, Mr and Mrs S. Morris, Mrs C. T. Card, Mrs T. Lewis, Miss E. Taylor, Miss A. Freeman, Miss H. Gilham, Miss Phillips, Miss F. Sargent, Miss Ballard, Mrs J. Luck and Mrs W. Vitler.

Ex-Servicemen (Messers H. Brown, F. Vitler, A. Lennard and Arthur Freeman) acted as bearers.

Appended is a list of floral tributes: -- "To dear mother, from her loving family"; "In loving remembrance to the dearest Mummy, from Drusie"; In "memory of the dear granny, from Gordon"; "With deepest sympathy and remembrance of a friend, from C. Bedwell"; "Sincerest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs J. Pilbeam"; "In loving memory of our dear sister, from Phyllis and Billy, Bexhill"; "With remembrance and thoughts, from B. F. Hayward"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs W. Luck and family"; "With sincere sympathy to you all, from Mr and Mrs P. Constant"; "Very deepest sympathy, from Mrs J. Luck and Ivy"; "Deepest sympathy from Mr and Mrs E. Taylor and family"; In kind remembrance and sincere sympathy, from Mr and Mrs S. Morris and family"; "In the membrane and with deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs H. Creasy"; "In loving remembrance of Mrs Hayes, from Mrs a Sheather and Catherine"; "With sincere sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Dodson"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Ballard and the boys"; "Deep sympathy, from Mrs constant"; "Our deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Grimes and family"; "With love to Mrs Hayes, from Esme and Valerie Pescod"; "Deep sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Newport"; "With deepest sympathy from Mr H. Taylor, Mrs Smith, Darius and Phyllis"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs W. Munn, the boys and Lily"; In loving memory of Alice, from Annie and Jennie"; "With affectionate remembrance, the members of the Mothers Union"; "Deep sympathy, Mrs Leeves; "With sympathy, from Dr and Mrs Shillito"; "With sincere sympathy, from Mr and Mrs B. Smith and family"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs F. Pilbeam and family"; "Deepest sympathy, Susie, Winnie, Bessie and Rose (Sutton)"; "With sympathy, Godfrey and Nancy (Sutton)"; "Deepest sympathy, H and M. Barton"; "Deepest sympathy, Mr and Mrs C. Clifton"; "Deepest sympathy, from Mr F. Pilbeam and Lottie"; "When our deep sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Berthon Sparke, Tanyard House"; "Deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs H. Brown and family"; "Deep sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Cornford and family"; "Deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Robert Lingham (Little Common)"; "In loving memory of dear friend, from Rose and Bill (St Leonards-on-Sea)"; "In affectionate memory, from Uncle Tom, Mrs Wrenn and Carlos (Sidley)"; "In loving memory of our dear one, Maggie, Josh and Pickles (Ninfield)"; "In loving memory of our dear sister, from Frank and Celia (Wartling Hill)"; "In loving memory of our dear sister, Tom and Eve (Lewes)"; "With deep love, Harold, Edie, Marjorie and Bert (Mortlake, S. W. 13)"; "In affectionate remembrance, from all at 83 (Bristol)"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Saunter and Fred"; "With deepest sympathy, from J. and M. Collins"; "With sweetest thoughts, from Aunt Fran".

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr Hall, Lunsford Cross.

Mr Hayes and family thank all friends for their kind sympathy and beautiful flowers.

<b>1936 Apr 25</b>	<b>Bereavement – son of Mr &amp; Mrs A. E. Baker of “Poplar Cottage”</b>	<b>Bexhill Observer</b>
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**Bereavement** -- Much sympathy has been extended to Mr and Mrs A. F. Baker, of Poplar Cottages, on the loss of their son, Arthur Robert, who died at the Royal East Sussex Hospital, Hastings, on Good Friday at the age of 15 years. The funeral took place on Wednesday last week at Hooe Parish The, the service being conducted by the Rev A. W. E. Dowse. A large number of people attended the service. The immediate mourners were Mr and Mrs A. F. Baker (father and mother), Mr and Mrs T. Baker (grandparents), Mr and Mrs J. Baker (uncle and aunt), Mrs L. Mitchell (aunt), Miss M. Vitler (aunt), Mrs Stevenson (aunt), Mr and Mrs Collins (uncle and aunt), Mr and Mrs B. Vitler (uncle and aunt), Mr and Mrs F. Vitler (uncle and aunt), Mrs B. Carey (cousin), Mrs G. Cole (cousin), Mrs A. Vitler (aunt), Mr and Mrs Leach, Mr and Mrs F. Clark, Mrs Clark and Mrs J. Collins, Mr Godfrey and Mr F. Pilbeam. Many beautiful flowers were received, among, which were wreaths from the mourners mentioned.

<b>1937 Jul 24</b>	<b>Native of Hooe – death of Mr A. Pocock</b>	<b>Bexhill Observer</b>
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### **NATIVE OF HOOE**

#### **DEATH OF MR A. POCOCK**

The funeral took place at Hooe Parish Church on Wednesday of Mr Alfred Pocock, of "Windy Bank", who died on the previous Friday at the age of 74.

A native of Hooe, Mr Pocock and seldom been out of the parish, and although not taking an active part in the village activities, he always showed a quiet interest in them.

The Rev A. W. E. Dowse officiated at the service, and the mourners were Mr and Mrs W. Pocock (son and daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs Rouncivell (son-in-law and daughter), Mr and Mrs Crisford (son-in-law and daughter), Mr R. Pocock (son), Mr and Mrs a Pocock (son and daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs T. Pocock (son and daughter-in-law), Mr C. Pocock and Mr T. Pocock (Brothers), Mr and Mrs W. Pocock (brother and sister-in-law), Mrs G. Baker (sister-in-law), Mrs Freeman, Mrs Carey, Mrs Bourner, Mrs Parks, Mrs Harvey and Mrs a Pocock (nieces), Mr and Mrs Arthur Baker (nephew and niece) Mr and Mrs Albert Baker (nephew and niece), Mrs H. Clifton, Mrs Toghill, Miss Toghill and Mrs H. Pilbeam.

Among the large gathering of friends present were Mr A. R. Hayward, Mr J. Newport, Mr W. Carey, Mr H. Clifton, Mr Bullock, Mr Hayes, Mr Barton, Mr G. Vitler, Mrs B. Smith, Mrs M. Smith, Miss Armitage, Mr and Mrs A. Freeman, Mrs E. Taylor, Mrs A. Sheather, Mrs E. Clifton, Mrs H. Gander and Mrs W. Vitler.

The floral tributes inscribed as follows: --

"In ever loving memory of our dear dad, from Will, many and little Maureen"; "In loving remembrance, from Flo, Harry and family"; "With deepest sympathy to dear dad, from Gladys, Bert and Edgar"; "To our dear dad with best love, from Reg, Bella and family". "With deepest sympathy to dear dad, from Florey and Alf"; "In loving memory of our dear dad, from Emmie and Lewis"; "With sympathy from Brother Charlie and family"; "In affectionate remembrance of my brother, from Brother John and family (Pevensey)"; "in affectionate remembrance, from Bill and Sarah (Eastbourne)"; "In loving memory of my dear brother, from Ross"; "In loving memory of one of the best of uncles, from Alice and Chris"; "In loving memory, from Tom and Annie"; "From Aunt Rose and family, with sincere sympathy"; "In loving memory from Aunt Lottie and family"; "In remembrance of Uncle, from Bert, Elsie and Gilbert"; "With loving thoughts of dear uncle, from Doris, Jim, George and Tom"; "In loving memory of dear uncle, from Carrie, Arthur and Fred"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mary and family"; "In sweet remembrance of our dear uncle Alf, from Newton, Addie and family"; "With deepest sympathy, from Cissie, Alf and family (Hastings)"; "With deepest sympathy from Arthur and Ida"; "In loving memory from Alb, Nellie and family"; "With deepest sympathy, from Cissie"; "Kind remembrances of a good neighbour and friend, from Mr T. Lewis, Lily, Frank and



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Dudley"; "Kind remembrance is, from Mr T. Munn and Mrs Armitage"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mrs Deeprise"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mrs Cuthbert"; "Kind remembrance is and deepest sympathy, from H. Sargent and Sons"; "In memory of an old friend, from F Pilbeam"; "In affectionate remembrances of Mr Pocock, from Mr E. and Mr and Mrs B. Gander"; "In loving memory from Aunt Lottie and family"; "In remembrance of Uncle, from Bert, Elsie and Gilbert"; "With loving thoughts of dear uncle, from Doris, Jim, George and Tom"; "In loving memory of dear uncle, from Carrie, Arthur and Fred"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mary and family"; "In sweet remembrance of our dear uncle Alf, from Newton, Addie and family"; "With deepest sympathy, from Cissie, Alf and family (Hastings)"; "With deepest sympathy from Arthur and Ida"; "In loving memory from Alb, Nellie and family"; "With deepest sympathy, from Cissie"; "Kind remembrances of a good neighbour and friend, from Mr T. Lewis, Lily, Frank and Dudley"; "Kind remembrance is, from Mr T. Munn and Mrs Armitage"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mrs Deeprise"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mrs Cuthbert"; "Kind remembrance is and deepest sympathy, from H. Sargent and Sons"; "In memory of an old friend, from F Pilbeam"; "In affectionate remembrances of Mr Pocock, from Mr E. and Mr and Mrs B. Gander"; "To Mr Pocock with all kind thoughts, from Mr and Mrs B. Smith and family"; "With deepest sympathy from Mrs Carey, Will end Louie"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Dodson and C. Pattenden"; "In loving memory of a dear old friend, from Mrs Toghill and family"; "With deep sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Barton"; "To dear grandad Pocock with kind love, from Bernard Smith"; "In loving memory, from Mr and Mrs Pilbeam and family (Little Common)"; "With deepest sympathy of an old friend, from Sammy and Mrs Smith"; "In loving memory of Mr Pocock, from Mr and Mrs Sheather "; "To Mr Pocock, from Rennie, John, Ronald and Catherine Sheather "; "With deepest sympathy, Mr and Mrs Taylor and family"; "In loving memory of dad, from Jennie and Albert"; "With deepest sympathy, Mrs Sargent"; "Kind remembrance of Mr Pocock, from Cecil and Kathleen"; "With sympathy and remembrance, from Mr and Mrs Hutchinson"; "With kind thoughts of Mr Pocock, from Mr George Vitler and Mr and Mrs Lennard"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Cornford and family"; "Deepest sympathy from Mrs W. Vitler and Mrs Taylor"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Larkin and Vera"; "In remembrance of Mr Pocock, from Mr and Mrs Burt and Mr and Mrs J. Pilbeam"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs W. Munn and family".

The family of the late Mr Pocock wish to thank all kind friends for sympathy shown and for the lovely floral tributes sent.

The funeral was directed by Mr G. Pellett, of Messers Miller and Franklin, St. Leonards-road, Bexhill-on-sea.

<b>1937 Sep 25</b>	<b>Hooe – Death of Mr J. T. Leeves</b>	<b>Bexhill Observer</b>
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**DEATH OF MR J. C. LEEVES** -- the death occurred on Tuesday of Mr James Thomas Leeves, of Elm Cottage, at the age of 74. Mr Leeves was a worshipper at the Bexhill Congregational Church, making the journey by bus every Sunday evening.

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### **HOOE – THE LATE MR J. T. LEEVES**

The funeral took place last Friday of Mr James Thomas Leeves, of Elm Tree cottage. The season had been a member of the Beulah Baptist Chapel, at Bexhill for the past 20 years. He leaves a widow, one daughter, eight grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. The interment was in Hooe churchyard, the service being conducted by the Vicar (the Rev A. E. W. Dowse). The mourners were the widow, Mrs J. Bishop (daughter), Mr John Leeves and Mrs Hamilton (grandchildren), Mrs John Leeves, Mr A. Freeman, and Mr and Mrs Newport. Flowers was sent as follows: -- "In loving memory of my dear husband, at rest"; "In



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loving memory of dear Dad, from Annie and Jack"; "In loving memory of a dear grandfather, from Joan and Violet"; "In loving memory of dear Grandad, from Ken, Maisie, Dolly and Chrissie"; "In loving memory, from great granddaughter Teddy"; "The loving memory, from his great-grandchildren, Teddy, Michael, Tony and Jimmie"; "With kind remembrances, from Mr and Mrs Newport"; "With kind remembrances from Mrs H. Munn"; "From Bob Sargent". Mrs Leeves wishes to take this opportunity to thank friends in Hooe for the many kindnesses to her husband in his last illness.

<b>1937 Oct 09</b>	<b>Funeral of Mr J. Pilbeam.</b>	<b>Bexhill Observer</b>
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**FUNERAL OF MR J. PILBEAM** -- the funeral took place at the Parish Church of Mr James Pilbeam, of Straight-lane, Hooe, who died in the Bexhill hospital the previous Friday, at the age of 69.

<b>1938 Apr 09</b>	<b>Hooe Resident" – "Funeral of Mr H. Brown"</b>	<b>Bexhill Observer</b>
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### HOOE RESIDENT

#### FUNERAL OF MR H. BROWN

The funeral took place on Thursday last week, at Smarden, of Mr Harry Brown, of Kimberley Cottages, Hooe, who died on the previous Sunday at the age of 48.

Canon Evans, Rector of St Michaels, Smarden, officiated, and the mourners were: Mrs Brown (widow), Masters Maurice and Derek Brown (sons), Mr and Mrs C. Brown (brother and sister-in-law), Mr W. Brown (nephew) and Mrs Brown, Mrs S. Batt (niece), Mrs C. Maskell (niece) and Mr Jarvis, the Misses Iris, Molly, and Jesse Brown (nieces), Mrs C. Maskell (aunt), Mr C. Maskell (cousin), Mrs G. Ellingham and (cousin) and Mr Ellingham, Mrs J. Cornwall (cousin), Mr and Mrs Harry Batt (uncle and aunt), Mr Cyril Marshall (cousin), and the Misses Kennett (sisters-in-law).

Others present were: Mr and Mrs Bates, Mrs Barton, Mr L. Piper, Nurse Owen, Mr W. Sargent, A. Lennard and L. Banks (representing the Standard Hill branch of the British Legion), Mr and Mrs W. T. Sellens (Eastbourne), Mrs Frank Pearson, Mrs Deane, and Mrs S. Smith.

Floral tributes were inscribed as follows: "From your sorrowing wife and sons, Maurice and Derek"; "Too dear Harry, with deepest sorrow from Flo, Fanny, Em, May and Lizzie"; "With remembrances and deepest sympathy from Nurse Owen"; "With affectionate remembrance from Nurse Olivia".

Other wreaths were from the following: "Barnes", Aly and Grandma Collison; Bill and Doris; Flo and son; Chum, Belle and little Michael; Doris and Reg; niece's Iris, Molly and Jesse; Aunt Tillie and family; all at Sunnyside; Charlie and Doris; Benny; Mr and Mrs Pocock & Gilbert; Miss Ida M. Gabriel and Miss M. McRobbie; Mr and Mrs W. T. Sellens; Mr and Mrs Gus Foord; Mrs W. H. Smythe and, Mr K. Smythe and Miss Rabbits; Mr and Mrs C. Ballard; Mr and Mrs H. Munn; Mr and Mrs Grevatt; Mr and Mrs C. Fennell; Mr Sargent and children and Mr Piper and children; Mrs F. Saunter and Fred; Mrs Sheather and family; Mr and Mrs Sheather; Joe and Lena; Mr and Mrs Forditch and Geoffrey; the postmen drivers of Battle; Mr and Mrs Vitler and Muriel; Mr Hayes Drusie., Alice, Charlie and Gordon; Mrs Cuthbert and R. M. Davies; Mr and Mrs J. Pescod; Mr and Mrs J. Botham Sparke; Mr and Mrs Barton; Mr and Mrs F. Pilbeam and family; Mrs Cornford and Ivan.

W. and M. Comber and Mary, little Margaret and Martin; Lily, Dorothy and May; old comrades of the British Legion; Mrs W. Pocock, Mrs A. Pocock and Mr and Mrs Hildred; Mr and Mrs Dodson and Cecil; little Marigold; Mr and Mrs Kennedy; Colin and Kathleen; Mr and Mrs Carey, Mr and Mrs Lennard and