

DEATH RICHARD ARMISTEAD

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DEATH OF MR. RICHARD ARMISTEAD.

FORMER BINGLEY PUBLIC SERVANT.

The death took place on Monday at Wells House, Ilkley, in his sixty-fifth year, of Mr. Richard Armistead, the well-known civil engineer, of Bradford, and formerly of Bingley.

Born at Long Preston, Mr. Armistead learnt his business with Messrs. Smith & Gotthardt, land agents, surveyors, and valuers, of Bradford. At the beginning of 1878, when quite a young man, he was appointed surveyor to the Bingley Improvement Commissioners, and later became clerk also to the authority, and he held the position until 1898, the year when Wilsden and the Bingley outer district were added to Bingley. The twenty years he occupied the post were an important period in the development of Bingley, witnessing, among other things, the improvement of the Main Street, the provision of the Technical School, the Cottage Hospital, and the new railway station, and the taking over of the Mechanics' Institute in Main Street and its conversion to public uses. When he retired from the office there was a public presentation of silver plate made to him in appreciation of his services to the town. For many years before giving up his public office his reputation as a surveyor and civil engineer of ability had been increasing and extending, and he subsequently centred his business activities at Bradford, with offices in Booth Street. He had a considerable practice as an expert witness in arbitration cases, and often appeared in such cases in which the Bradford Corporation were concerned.

Mr. Armistead leaves a widow and two sons. There were three sons of the marriage, all of whom have seen service in the war. The youngest son, Second-Lieutenant Tom Armistead, was reported missing in 1917, and is presumed to have died, no news of him having since been received. The other two sons have now been demobilised.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place at Undercliffe Cemetery yesterday. A service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. F. S. Guy Warman (Vicar of Bradford) at the Parish Church, Mr. H. Coates presiding at the organ.

The principal mourners were Mrs. Armistead (widow), Mr. R. B. Armistead, and Mr. J. H. Armistead (sons), Mrs. Delvis (sister), Mr. Delvis (nephew), Miss Delvis (niece), and Mrs. W. Armistead (sister-in-law).

Among those present were Messrs. F. Robinson, B. D. Fairbank, William Illingworth, Wheeler Smith, W. Prest, and A. T. Smith (Bradford Society of Architects and Surveyors), and Messrs. J. H. Hanson (Huddersfield), E. J. Silkcock (Leeds), S. Shaw (Dewsbury), and J. Young (Bradford), Yorkshire and North of England Surveyors' Association; Mr. W. Pickering, Mr. W. Waud (Ilkley), Mr. R. E. Weatherhead, Mr. J. Dale, and Mr. Sydney Kellett (Ilkley).

Others attending were Mr. W. E. Sharp, Mr. J. L. Booth, Mr. J. Greaves, Mr. Charles D. Swale (representing Mr. Robert Feather), Mr. E. A. Wells, Mr. W. W. Rycroft, Mr. H. Sutcliffe, Mr. R. Brooke, Mr. Cecil Mossman, Mr. Arthur Middleton, Mr. Leonard Middleton, Mr. W. Priestman, Colonel Hastings, Mr. R. Harrison (Shipley), Mr. J. T. Hemingway (Ilkley), Mr. F. Holtzman, Mr. W. T. Butterfield, Mr. G. G. Thompson, Mr. G. A. Jackson, Mr. F. H. Hill, Mr. A. T. Parkinson, Mr. Briggs, Mr. E. Priestley, Mr. Charles Platts, Mr. Henry Platts, and Miss Amy Platts (Bingley Brown, Muff & Co., Ltd., were the undertakers.