

Marriage and Death of Susan Anne Freegard

At Bremhill, near Chippenham, yesterday the marriage took place of Jacob Freegard (79) and Susan Anne Freegard (77). The parties were no relation, but this makes the third marriage of each. With his second wife, who died five years ago, Freegard celebrated his golden wedding. Mrs Freegard's second husband died only three months ago. Freegard, who was a farm labourer, has lived all his life in Bremhill parish, and married his first wife when earning 11s a week.

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The receipt of an anonymous letter is said to have caused the death of Mrs Sarah (sic) Anne Freegard, 76, of Bremhill, Wiltshire, who died on Monday two months after her marriage to her third husband.

Mrs Freegard's second husband died early last November. After a very brief courtship Mr Jacob Freegard proposed to her and was accepted on Christmas Day, and they were married at the village church on January 17th. The bridegroom had also been twice married before and had celebrated his golden wedding with his second wife.

Mrs Freegard's health had always been good, and her friends believed that many years of life lay before her. A few days after her wedding, however, she received an anonymous letter which said "You might have paid your late husband's funeral expenses before buying a wedding dress. If you don't die, the blaze will run away with Jacob."

The letter greatly worried her. She began to suffer from heart attacks, and finally died, a victim, so her husband declares, of the anonymous letter writer.

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