



DEATH OF MRS. WOODWARD

One of the most familiar figures in the district disappears by the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Woodward, Mary as she was popularly called - of Common End Farm.

Her personality was striking, and arrested the attention of the most casual observer; whilst her broad Wiltshire dialect and stores of jokes made her a popular weekly visitor in Malmesbury where for many a long year, in all kinds of weathers, she supplied a large number of customers with butter, eggs, etc. from her farm.

Her Husband - Mr. James Woodward - pre-deceased her some 18 years ago and she has since carried on the farm. Work was a pleasure to this venerable lady; she delighted in it.

As recently as Tuesday in last week she made the butter, although her age was 85. In the evening she complained of internal pains, and her youngest son, Mr. Mark Woodward (who had assisted her enterprise in many ways) procured medical assistance, but she died on Thursday morning last about 2 a.m.

The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon in the parish churchyard, the Rev. G.L. Hankey officiating. By the express wish of the deceased there were no floral tributes. The mourners included her sons - Mr. James Woodward (ex-Mayor of Ilfracombe), Mr. George Woodward and Mr. Mark Woodward, (the other son being with the forces in France was unable to attend), and three daughters - Sarah, Ellen, and Alice.

The arrangements were satisfactorily carried out by Messrs. Sampson and Sons, Charlton.

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