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## 87 years in one Village

### Death of Mr David Pocock at Watchfield

The Tiny Village of Watchfield was in mourning on Wednesday afternoon. When Mr David Pocock it's oldest inhabitant, was buried in the churchyard at St. Thomas'.

Born in Watchfield 87 years ago Mr Pocock, after leaving school, served an apprenticeship with his stepfather (Mr L Knapp), who was a builder. About 50 years ago he became licensee of the Royal Oak in, only to go back to his old trade after 11 years.

Later he succeeded his uncle Mrs Willis as a grocer and lived in the home which has been in the Willis family, of which Mr Pocock's wife was a member for about 200 years.

### Work for the church

Perhaps the greatest interest in Mr Powell Cox life apart from family affairs, was the church. Upon the erection of St Thomas's Church, 76 years ago, he became a choirboy, and during the subsequent years he was closely associated with it in different capacities. Until quite recently he was a churchwarden, he was also chairman of the parish council for a number of years.

Mr Pocock was the Watchfield correspondent of the North Wilts Herald for 30? years and one of his daughters Mrs I. Lovelock is the Herald's correspondent at Wootton Rivers.

The Watchfield Friendly Society now-defunct also claimed his interest for a number of years, and he has the position of treasurer.

Mrs Pocock died 33 years ago. There are four sons and four daughters

### The Funeral

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev C.G. Metford assisted by the rev Noel Aston (Vicar of Great Yarnton, Oxford) and the Reverend B M Hawes (Vicar of Longcot).

The service was coral, the hymns, 'Just \*\*\* \*\*\*' and 'Made with Me' being sung. Mr A Chambers was at the organ.

The family mourners were Mr and Mrs H Pocock (son and daughter-in-law), Mr G Pocock, London, (son), Mr D.B. Pocock, son, Mr A Pocock Wootton Bassett, (son), Mrs H Taylor London (daughter), Mrs W Lovelock, Milton (daughter), Mrs A G Lovelock, Wootton Rivers (daughter), Mr W Pocock, grandson, Mrs F Morse (sister), and Mrs F. Moss (niece).

And the other followers were Mrs Aston, Mr and Mrs W. Hedges, Miss Allen, Miss Dowling, Mr H G E Oliver late headmaster of Shrivenham School, Miss Skinner, Miss Wyatt, and Miss M. Wyatt.