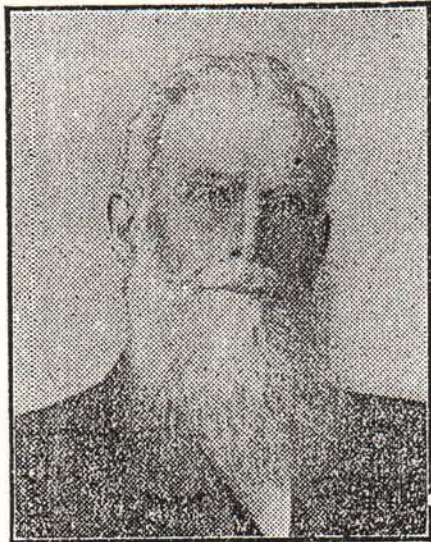


DEATH OF MR. R. B.  
FEB CURTEIS. 1914

PROMINENT RESIDENT OF  
TENTERDEN.

With the deepest regret we announce the death of Mr. Robert Bassett Curteis, of Oaks Place, Tenterden, which took place in London on Friday evening at the age of 79 years. Deceased was the eldest son of the late Mr. Robert Curteis, of Ashenden, Tenterden, and with the exception of about two years, when on his marriage he resided at Northiam, he had spent the whole of his life in Tenterden, the greater portion at Ashenden, the old family seat. Deceased married Miss Emma Matson, a daughter of the late Mr. William Matson, of Wyehing, whose widow and family came to Tenterden, residing at Chestnut House. Mrs. Curteis died on February 23rd, 1909, soon after Mr. and Mrs. Curteis had celebrated their golden wedding. They had a family of eleven children, seven of whom survive their parents, five daughters and two sons. One of the daughters is married to Mr. A. Blaxland, of Lympton, and another to Colonel J. Munn-Mace, of Tenterden. Deceased was a strong Churchman, and a very keen politician and was a prominent member of the Primrose League. His instincts were decidedly sporting, and while at Ashenden he had a great fancy for pedigree stock. He kept a fine herd of pedigree Sussex beasts and also of pedigree dogs. He



Photo, A. Ridley.  
The late Mr. R. B. Curteis.

was selected a member of the Tenterden Town Council on August 23rd, 1855, and served on the Council till November 1st, 1874. Deceased was known and respected by everyone in the ancient borough in which he had spent a long life, and Tenterden loses in him one of nature's gentlemen. He was the last descendant of the Curteis family to bear the name in Tenterden.

The death of Mr. Curteis recalls memories of a famous family who have for five centuries past played a memorable and prominent part in the history of Tenterden. The founder of the Curteis family, who became so prominent in Tenterden, was one Thomas Curteis, who early in the fifteenth century resided at Appledore. From this said member of the family there later became four important branches of the family, the Sevenoaks branch, the Tenterden branch, the Rye branch and the Millhill (Sussex) branch. The first member of the family known to be living in Tenterden, was named William Curteis in the year 1562, and who in 1590 held the office of Bailiff of Tenterden. He had two sons named Thomas and William, both of whom were members of the Town Council in 1591. Thomas becoming Bailiff of the town in 1597. Henceforth, mayors having succeeded bailiffs, member after member of the family became Mayors of Tenterden. As years rolled on members of the family married into other old Tenterden families, including the Pomfret, Croughton and Beale

families. In 1791, a Robert Curteis married a Miss Mary Tress, of Gato House, Northiam; in fact, three brothers of this family married three sisters, the Misses Tress, who were considerable heiresses. A very celebrated member of the family was Jeremiah Curteis, who was Mayor of Tenterden in 1696 and the owner of the Heronden Estate, which comprised both the present Heronden and also the Heronden Hall Estates. One of his children was named Edward, who married a Miss Sarah Beve, of Biddenden, and among their family was a son, Richard Curteis, who married a Miss Mary Giles. They had three children. One died in infancy, another, Sarah, married William Croughton, and the other child, Mary, married John Butler Pomfret, thus uniting three of Tenterden's most distinguished families. Another very prominent member of the family was one Edward Curteis, M.D., a son of Samuel Curteis and Mary Haffenden. He resided at The Cedars and founded the splendid charity, in which not only Tenterden but several other parishes still participate, known as Dr. Curteis's Charity. Members of this family lived and owned the Morghow, Heronden and Ashenden Estates, besides numerous other properties in Tenterden.

The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon, the body having been brought home to its last resting place by train from London. From Tenterden station the coffin was borne to the parish church and placed in the centre aisle at two o'clock, where an hour later the funeral service was to be held. There was a very large congregation present when the service opened. The chief mourners included Miss A. Curteis (daughter), Mrs. Munn-Mace (daughter), Miss E. B. Curteis (daughter), Mr. A. Blaxland, Col. J. Munn-Mace and Mr. H. B. Mace (sons-in-law), Mr. F. Stoncham (cousin) and Mrs. May (cousin). Others present in the church and at the graveside included the Misses Peel, Mrs. W. Curteis; Captain Dampier Palmer, Mr. J. Selmes, Mr. E. Selmes, Major H. Neve, Mr. H. Neve, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Dennys, Mr. E. H. Hardcastle, J.P., Dr. Skinner, Mr. W. H. Beale, Mrs. Mine, Mr. E. E. Stileman, Mr. J. E. Mace, J.P., Major Beresford Johnston, Mr. A. H. Latter, Mr. J. W. Eden, Mr. E. Skelding, Mr. E. Howard, J.P., and Mrs. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. J. Sutton, Rev. J. Jervis, Rev. H. Rylett, Mr. J. S. Winsor, Mr. J. H. Atkinson, Mr. S. Adamson, Mr. L. H. Browning, Mr. F. Eborall, Dr. Drint, Mrs. Edmonds, Mr. G. Edmonds, Mrs. Sanders, Miss Dunkley, Miss Bright, Mr. J. Bates, Mr. and Mrs. F. Stanbridge, Mr. and Mrs. E. Apps, Mr. and Mrs. T. Wood, Miss Boorman, Miss Finn, Mrs. Purfield and Miss Elliott.

**THE LATE MISS E. TAYLOR.**—The funeral of Miss Emma Taylor, who died at Smallhythe Vicarage on Thursday week, at the great age of 88 years, took place at the Tenterden cemetery on Monday afternoon, a service having first been held at the parish church of St. Mildred's, by the Rev. J. A. Babington, who also performed the committal portion of the service at the graveside. The chief mourners were the Rev. W. Raven and Mrs. Raven. There were some beautiful wreaths sent.

**TEMPERANCE.**—Another most successful meeting of the Tenterden Branch of the C.E.T.S. was held in the National School on Tuesday evening, when an address was given by Mr. Kilford, one of the Police-court Missionaries. A very fine recitation was given by Miss Babington and Mr. F. Chalk sang several excellent songs.

**RAT, SPARROW AND WASP CLUB.**—The monthly meeting was held at the Eight Bells Hotel on Monday evening. The results for the month were exceedingly satisfactory, there being accounted for 239 rats, 163 sparrows and 145 queen wasps.

**HOOK'S BUSES.**—Tenterden and Ashford daily at 8.15 a.m., returning after arrival of 3.25 p.m. up train. Town Bus meets all trains Kent and East Sussex Railway. Horses  
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**JUNE TENTERDEN. 1914**  
**CHESS.**—On Saturday the Metropolitan Chess Club motored down into Tenterden to play a friendly match with the local club. The teams sat down to tea together at 5.30 and the match lasted from 6 to 9.15, ending in a win for the home team of four games to three, which seemed to be a slight surprise to the London Club, as they did not expect to meet such finished play in the country, and congratulated the winners accordingly. The visitors stayed the night at the White Lion Hotel and motored back to London the next day.

**BOY SCOUTS.**—The Tenterden District Boy Scouts had an inspection by the District Commissioner on Wednesday afternoon at the Drill Hall. The Scouts from Tenterden numbered twenty-five, with Scoutmaster E. R. Clifton and Assistant Scoutmasters A. Millen and G. Austen, and there were ten from Rolvenden. Among those present at the inspection were Lieutenant-Colonel Munn-Mace, commanding 5th Battalion the Buffs, and Major Beresford Johnstone, secretary of the Association.

**BURNAGE'S** highly qualified Pianoforte Tungers visit this district weekly. Orders by post receive prompt attention.—North-street, Ashford.—Advt.

**RELIANCE 'BUS** will leave Tenterden every Wednesday at 2 p.m. for Hastings, picking up at Rolvenden, Newenden, Northiam. Fares 2s. 6d. Return.—Advt.

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By order of the Executors of the late Mr. Henry Boorman, 6/6 TENTERDEN. 1914  
**HIGHLY IMPORTANT SALE OF EXCEEDINGLY VALUABLE FREEHOLD RESIDENTIAL & BUSINESS PROPERTY, RICH MEADOW AND FRUIT LAND, In or close to this charming old Country Town. ACTUAL & ESTIMATED RENTAL, £225 PER ANNUM,**  
Divided into Lots, as follows  
Lot 1.—The Delightful EARLY GEORGIAN RESIDENCE, "WESTFIELD,"  
Occupying an unrivalled position opposite the entrance to the beautiful Heronden Hall Park; with the Gardens, productive Orchard in full bearing, and Rich Meadows, embracing an area of 15 ACRES.  
Together with the delightful small Residence adjoining, occupied by Mr. A. R. Boorman, and known as "WEST CROSS HOUSE,"  
Early possession can be had.

Lot 2.—12 ACRES PASTURE LAND, adjoining the North side of the railway, having 277 FEET FRONTAGE to the Cranbrook Road.  
Nicely timbered, commanding fine views, and forming an excellent Site for a Residence, in addition is well adapted for conversion into a Nice Small Holding.

Lot 3.—The Substantially-erected DOUBLE-FRONTED RESIDENCE, "WESTBOURNE HOUSE,"  
On the South side of the High Street, in the occupation of F. L. Dennys, Esq.

Lot 4.—The Very VALUABLE BUSINESS PREMISES, in the centre of the town, consisting of the  
POST OFFICE, STATIONER'S SHOP AND DWELLING HOUSE,  
Occupied by Mrs. Morris, and the adjoining HOUSE WITH GROCER'S SHOP,  
Let to Mr. E. J. Mercer.  
Mr. HARRY JUDGE

HAS BEEN FAVOURED WITH INSTRUCTIONS to OFFER the above exceptionally choice PROPERTIES BY AUCTION, at the WHITE LION HOTEL, TENTERDEN, on FRIDAY, JULY 10th, 1914, at three o'clock in the Afternoon.  
Particulars and Conditions of Sale, with Plan and Orders to View, may be obtained of the Auctioneer, Tenterden; or of  
Messrs. W. G. MACE & SONS,  
Solicitors, Tenterden and Ashford.

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THE very spot for School Treats, Club Outings, etc. — Maidstone Zoological and Pleasure Gardens. Fine collection of animals; beautiful grounds; band. Admission 6d. and 3d.—Advt.  
THE RELIANCE 'BUS will leave Sun Inn, High-street, Maidstone, on Saturdays at 5.30 p.m.; the 9.0 p.m. service is taken off. Also Wednesday and Sunday services to Tenterden are discontinued.—Advt.

**DEATH OF MR. G. R. BURDEN.**—The funeral took place at the Faversham cemetery on Saturday of Mr. George Richard Burden, a tradesman of the town, who died on the previous Tuesday after a long illness. The deceased, who was 48 years of age and a native of Tenterden, had been in Faversham for some fifteen years, and for the last eight years had been in business on his own account as a fishmonger and poulterer in Stone-street. While at Tenterden Mr. Burden was prominently connected with the local Court of the Ancient Order of Foresters and at Faversham he had manifested an interest in social questions, Adult School work and other things. JAN 1914