

## **George Coggins (1846-1920)**

### **Obituaries and Funeral**

#### **Banbury Guardian, 4 November 1920, page 8**

##### DEATH OF MR. GEORGE COGGINS, OF DEDDINGTON.

We greatly regret to announce the death of Mr. George Coggins, solicitor, which took place at his residence, The Hermitage, Deddington, on Monday morning. The deceased, who was 73 years of age, had been in his usual health up to the Sunday afternoon when he became unwell and his medical adviser was called in and everything possible was done for him. He, however, became suddenly worse on Monday morning and died as stated above. Mr. Coggins had practised as a solicitor in Deddington for upwards of forty years and was well known over the whole district. He held a number of public offices, and was Clerk to the Magistrates of the Petty Sessional Division of North Wootton, succeeding of Mr. W.G.W. Lovell in the office. He was coroner for North Oxfordshire, following Mr. Charles Duffell Faulkner. He was likewise Clerk to the Old Age Pension Committee, and steward of the manor for the late Mr. W.C. Cartwright, and the present Sir Fairfax Cartwright, of Aynhoe, and at the Court Leet used to give a historical survey of the office. He was a manager of the Deddington Schools, and a Churchman and a Conservative. He had filled the office of Vicar's churchwarden for many years, and gave it up last year and took the place of people's warden, so that he might have charge of the accounts. He was at one time secretary of the now defunct Constitutional Club, president of the Hermitage Bowling Club, and vice-president of the Cricket and Football Clubs. He had always taken the liveliest interest in the affairs of Deddington, and his amiable and kindly nature secured for him friends in all grades of life. Mr. Coggins was a widower, his wife having predeceased him over twenty years ago. He had no children, and he leaves a brother, Mr. Edward Coggins, of Bicester. A medical certificate being forthcoming, no inquest was held. Mr. Coggins held his last inquest at Chalford Oaks on Friday. The funeral will take place at Deddington to-morrow (Friday) at two o'clock.

#### **Banbury Advertiser, 4 November 1920, page 3**

##### DEDDINGTON OBITUARY.

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Mr. Coggins had practised in Deddington as a solicitor for upwards of forty years, and his quiet, amiable, and unostentatious manner won for him the confidence of a wide circle of friends in the district. He was one of the old school of country gentlemen whose place will be difficult to fill. Mr. Coggins held many public offices, and at the time of his death was Coroner for North Oxfordshire, Clerk to the Magistrates of the Petty Sessional Division of North Wootton, and Clerk to the Old Age Pension Committee. He was a thorough Churchman, and had been vicar's warden for a great many years. He was also a manager of the day schools, in which he took a keen interest. In his younger days he was associated with much in local

affairs, and was secretary of the old Constitutional Club. He was President of the Hermitage Bowling Club and vice-president of the cricket and football clubs. In politics Mr. Coggins was a Conservative, and was actively associated with the late Mr. Albert Brassey when that gentleman was M.P. for North Oxon.

Mr. Coggins was widower, his wife having pre-deceased him some twenty years ago. He leaves a brother, Mr. Edward Coggins, of Bicester. The funeral will take place at Deddington on Friday at 2 o'clock.

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THE LATE MR. GEORGE COGGINS.

FUNERAL AT DEDDINGTON.

The funeral of this much-esteemed gentleman (whose death was chronicled in our last issue) took place on Friday afternoon at two o'clock at Deddington amidst every demonstration of esteem and regard. Notwithstanding the cold and raw atmosphere there was a large congregation in the church, and the funeral procession was witnessed by a considerable concourse of people. Precisely at the time stated the coffin (which was covered with handsome wreaths) was placed on a hand-bier outside deceased's residence, The Hermitage, and, followed by the chief and general mourners, was taken to the church, the procession being headed by the following members of the County Police:— Superintendents Page (Chipping Norton) and Adams (Bicester), Sergeant Humphries, and Constables Russell, Ponsford, and Lord. At the entrance to the church, the coffin was met by the Rev. T. Boniface, the Rev. Tyrell Green, the Rev. W.B. Harrison, Mr. T. Bennett (the parish churchwarden), and Mr. W. Weaver (the senior sidesman), the Rev. T. Boniface reading the opening services of the Burial Office. The coffin having been placed in front of the chancel, the service (which was of a most simple character) was proceeded with. The Rev. W.B. Harrison read the opening Psalm, and the Rev. Tyrell Green, the lesson, and the committal sentences at the grave were said by the Rev. T. Boniface in the presence of a large number of the parishioners. The grave is at the east end of the churchyard, and was lined with greenery and white flowers. The coffin was of oak, and was inscribed as follows:-

GEORGE COGGINS,

Died November 1st, 1920;

Aged 73.

The chief mourners were:— Mr. E. Coggins, Bicester, brother; Mr. J.T. Coggins, Aldershot, nephew; Captain C.J. and Mrs. Coggins, Bicester, nephew and niece; Miss French, Mr. J. Holliday, Deddington; Mr. Percy and Miss Edith Holliday, Bicester; Mr. F. Benfield, Grendon Underwood; Mr. F.W. Young, Edgcott; Mr. Fathers, South Newington; and Miss Badcock, Leamington. Amongst others present were — Mr. G.B. Randolph, Captain R.H.S. Dashwood, and Mr. H. Churchley, representing the Deddington Bench; Mr. Wightman, Aynhoe, representing Sir Fairfax Cartwright, of Aynhoe Park; Messrs. W. Page, W. Shepherd, R. Bassett, S. Tustain, W. French, R. Tucker, S. Franklin, M.H. Woolnough, W.B. Bennett, B.W. Millington, representing the Hermitage Bowling Club, of which the deceased was at one time president; the Rev. W.D. Cartwright, Aynhoe; Mr. A. Holford, Deddington; the Misses Turner, Mr. W.G. Page and Mr. E.C. Fortescue, Banbury; Mr. Page Bull, Mr. J.H. Bennett, Mr. W. Whetton, Mr. J. Casebrook, and many others. Before and after the service the church bell tolled,

and the blinds at most of the windows were drawn. The funeral arrangements were becomingly carried out by Mr. A. Hopcraft.

Floral tributes were sent by the following:— With heartfelt sorrow and in loving memory from Ted and Emily; in memory of uncle George from Jack and Dot; in loving memory from Molly and Cyril; with love from Daphne, Sheila and Peter; in affectionate remembrance from Pollie and family, Bicester; in loving memory from John, Lucy, and family; with deepest sympathy from Sir Fairfax and Lady Cartwright; with deepest sympathy from F. Benfield and family, Grendon Underwood, Aylesbury; with deepest sympathy from F. Young and family, Edgcott, Aylesbury; with deepest regret from Rose; in sorrowing memory from Vera; in dear memory from Mrs. French and daughters; in remembrance of an old and trusted friend, Mrs Turner, Misses Turner, The Poplars, Deddington; "Rest in the Lord," in ever-loving memory of dear George, Emily G.H. Badcock; with deepest regrets from Captain Taylor, late Welsh Guards; with deepest sympathy from Captain Dashwood; with sincerest sympathy from R. Cartwright and W. Wightman; with regret from Mr. Arthur Holford, Deddington House; with sincere remembrance from Hugh Cawley, Adderbury House; in kind remembrance from the choir of SS. Peter and Paul, Deddington; with sincere regret and in kind remembrance from S.G. Cox, The Laurels, Souldern; with deepest sympathy and kindest remembrance from the members of the Hermitage Bowling Club.

#### MAGISTRATE'S REFERENCE.

At the sitting of the Magistrates on Friday morning, Mr. B.S. Ogle, the Chairman said — Before the proceedings begin, I should like to refer to the sad loss we have sustained in the death of our clerk, Mr. George Coggins, who has advised so well for so many years.

Mr. J.T. Coggins, who was acting as Clerk, suitably returned thanks.