

SOUTHAMPTON CITY LIBRARIES CLIPPINGS FILE

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ABRAHAM, Abraham			

DEATH OF AN OLD SOUTHAMPTONIAN.

By the death of Mr. Abraham Abraham, which took place in Paris on March 31st, at the age of 88 years, a gentleman who, many years ago, took a prominent part in public life at Southampton, has been removed. The late Mr. H. Abraham, his son, also filled the office of Mayor, and his two sons still carry on business in the town, where they are much respected. The deceased came here from Frome, Somerset, in the year 1826, and established himself as a watchmaker and jeweller, gaining for himself the esteem and confidence of his fellow townsmen. He was elected to the Town Council, and his usefulness as a member of the Corporation was in due time recognised, as in 1841, having passed through the offices of Junior and Senior Bailiff, he was elected Sheriff. At the termination of his year of office, Mr. Abraham was proposed, with Mr. E. Mayes, for the Mayoralty, and it was stated that he had a great claim on the Council because of his having served all the other offices of the Corporation. On the two names being put to the vote, however, Mr. E. Mayes had a majority. In acknowledging a vote of thanks for his services as Sheriff, Mr. Abraham said he had been nominated for the office of Mayor, without his consent and against his wish, and he declared that unless he could be elected unanimously, he would never consent to fill the office. Mr. Abraham, who took an active part in matters generally pertaining to the interests of the town, was, in 1841, one of the original promoters of the Dock Company. He also held a prominent position among the Freemasons, having been S.W. of the Royal Gloucester Lodge in 1848, when Dr. Clark (one of the founders of the Masonic Benevolent Association) was J.W., and in 1859 he occupied the chair of W.M. in the same lodge, being also P.G.J.W. of the Province of Hampshire. These dates recall the names of J. R. Stebbing, C. E. Deacon, Dr. Clark, and others, with whom the deceased was associated. Mr. Abraham was one of the last of the good and lot voters of Southampton, there being now only three remaining, viz., Mr. James Bunday, Mr. Thomas Forder, and Alderman S. M. Emanuel. In 1846 Mr. Abraham left Southampton, with his family, and since resided in Paris, visiting Southampton occasionally for brief periods.