

Death of Mr. Thomas Randall J.P.

It is with great regret that we record the death of Mr Thos Randall J.P. which took place yesterday (Friday) morning at his residence at Grandpont. He had reached the advanced age of 82 and for some time past has been in failing health. The deceased gentleman was greatly esteemed and respected by a wide circle of friends. His public career was a long and honourable one. He first became a member of the town council in 1833. This was the old corporation of the members of which body he was the last to survive. The new Charter was obtained in 1835 and in 1838 Mr Randall was elected for the central ward which he continued to represent with the exception of a short interval until he was elected Alderman in 1861. This position he continued to fill with credit to himself and advantage to the City until last year when the Conservatives being in a majority and utterly lacking any respect for age and lengthened services ousted the late Mr. Randall together with the other four retiring Liberal Aldermen. Mr. Randall filled the office of Mayor in 1857, was for some time Chairman of the Local Board, was made a magistrate in 1870, and occupied besides many important offices in the City. He took great interest among others in the Oxford College Servants' Benefit Society and attended very regularly their annual gatherings, and in the Blue Coat Boy's School, The Infirmary, etc. Aquatics he also took much interest in regularly attending the University annual contests. He presented the University Barge with a chair made out of the boat in which they won the seven-oared race.

Many Charitable Institutions found in him a liberal benefactor and by his decease the poor of the City have lost a generous friend. He leaves a widow eldest daughter of the late George Cecil esq. City Coroner and one daughter, Mrs. Stainer wife of Dr. Stainer of St. Paul's London, who mourn the loss of a most affectionate husband and father. His only son, a man of great promise, died just as he had completed his twenty-first year in 1861 and the family of Randall honourably connected with the City for several generations is now come to an end.

At the City Court on Friday, the Mayor (Ald. Hughes) prior to the business commencing said he had just heard the sad news of the death of Mr. Randall. He would be greatly missed. He was very charitable and specially so in his own parish. The magistrates were much grieved at his decease but he died at a ripe old age.

Note. Source unknown.