

DEATH OF WENSLEYDALE SHEEP EXPERT. ,

BOROUGHBRIDGE FUNERAL OF MR. RICHARD CHESTER

LINK WITH COTHERSTONE

Mr. Richard Chester, best known as of Low Moor Farm, Ripon. was interred at Kirby Hill, Boroughbridge, on Thursday afternoon, in the presence of a very representative attendance of Agriculturists, butchers and dealers, in addition to the members of his large family. His wife, who died in 1901, was a Miss Raine, of Cotherstone, Barnard Castle. He is survived by his four sons and five daughters.

Himself the son of a farmer and cattle-dealer (William Chester), Mr. Chester was born 84 years ago at Low Cowhouse, Winterburn (now Winterburn Reservoir), but he had farmed at Low Moor, between Ripon and Boroughbridge, since 1891 when ten years ago, on retiring from the more comprehensive side of farming he went to live at "The Firs", Langthorpe. He was always active, and as recently as a fortnight ago was showing cattle at Boroughbridge. He contracted a cold and passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday. Prior to this illness he had not had a doctor for half a century, and on that, occasion it was a limb fractured while riding near Risplith. For close on 60 years he had rarely missed attending York Market, and for 40 years he had a stand in the Leeds Cattle Market.

Leading Sheepbreeder

Perhaps he was widest known as being in his day one of the largest breeders of Wensleydale sheep, and as an exhibitor and judge he had figured with success at the Yorkshire, Royal and many other shows. He was for many years a member of the Wensleydale Long Wool Sheepbreeders Association, and through his youngest son the name of Chester and Low Moor, Ripon, are still prominently linked with the Wensleydale.

Mr.- Chester had few interests outside the work of an agriculturist. And in that none was more industrious. He was esteemed for his ability and dependability, and revered by the members of his family and closer acquaintances.

Service at Kirby Hill Parish Church. The church was filled to overflowing.