

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 17th October 1891

DEATH OF AN OLD INHABITANT. - Old inhabitants of the town will hear with much regret that **Mr W. AUSTIN**, died on Thursday evening, at his residence, at the age of 79. Mr AUSTIN belonged to a good old Ryde family, and was quite an authority on all matters relating to the history of the town. Disputed points were referred to the old gentleman for decision, and it must be confessed that his memory was a wonderful one; in fact he used to say he could remember better what took place 50 or 60 years ago than recent events. Mr AUSTIN entered the employ of the Pier Company early in life, and was for many years a sort of general superintendent and foreman. He was generally respected and liked. Advancing age and infirmity compelled him to retire some years ago, but as long as he could do so the old gentleman used to take a daily walk to the Pier to criticise the management, and see that things were properly conducted. Mr AUSTIN was a good specimen of the hearty old-fashioned race which formerly inhabited Ryde.

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