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Address: Marine Hotel, Esplanade, Ryde, IW.

**Frank BAND. Head. M. 36. Hotel Keeper. Austria (Naturalised British Subject).**

Alice BAND. Wife. M. 41. Erith, Kent.

Marie BAND. Dau. 10. London W.

Amelia BAND. Dau. 7. Brighton, Sussex.

Annie BAND. Dau. 4. London, W.

Ivy BAND. Dau. 1. London W.

Richard FOTHERINGHAM. Visitor. M. 33. Clergyman (C of E). Newcastle, Staffs.

Marianne E. FOTHERINGHAM. Wife. M. 37. Scotland.

Harry BUTTS. Serv. M. 36. Hotel Manager. Peckham, London.

Louise RODWELL. Serv. S. 21. Non Domestic. Holloway, London.

Rudolph GRAP. Serv. S. 17. Hotel Porter. Hungary (Austrian Subject).

William KAISER. Serv. S. 21. Hotel Waiter. Austria (Swiss Subject).

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**Frank BAND & Annie HUNT**

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In 1911 **Frank BAND** was living at the Esplanade Hotel, Ryde, with his wife Annie, five daughters, there were also 6 servants, and 11 boarders.

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ISLE OF WIGHT TIMES Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 1930

**DEATH OF RYDE HOTEL PROPRIETOR.  
CAREER OF MR. FRANK BAND**

It is with regret that we announce the death of Mr. Frank BAND, the proprietor of the Esplanade Hotel, and for thirty years a well-known and esteemed citizen of the Borough, which occurred on Sunday. Mr. BAND who was 67 years of age had been in failing health for a considerable time, and since he underwent a very serious operation seven years ago was practically confined to his house.

Mr. BAND was a native of Czecho-Slovakia, his father being the owner of a small hotel. Later he acquired rope making business, the rope being plaited by hand. The son disliked the work intensely, and as he had a love of catering he came to England, against the wishes of his parents, and found a position in London. For some time he was interpreter on the Royal Mail Steamer commanded by the late Captain JELLICOE, the father of the present Earl.

During the Nineties he was in great demand 'for actresses' dinner parties, society weddings and similar functions, and one of his treasured belongings was an autograph book full of menus signed by eminent theatrical figures of that time. He assisted to prepare the banquet at the Guildhall in celebration of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. His early success in the catering world was shown by the possession of a gold watch inscribed "Present to Manager Frank BAND, by the Waiters of the First-class Dining Room, M.I.E., 1887." This was presented on the occasion of the Manchester Industrial Exhibition, when Mr. BAND, although only 22 years of age, had charge of more than 200 waiters. Other mementoes which he possessed were a diamond and ruby pin with a crown on top. And a pair of gold cufflinks with sapphires with which he was presented on different occasions by the ex-Empress Marie Therese of Austria, when she stayed at the Marine Hotel in Ryde.

Mr. BAND came to Ryde from London, where he was engaged in the licensing trade, 30 years ago, and took over the Marine Hotel. In 1910 he acquired the Esplanade Hotel, and was connected with it until his death.

For the three years 1911-1913 he was a member of the Ryde Town Council, but of late years he was naturally unable to take any active part in the affairs of the town, but his interest continued unabated. He was a Freemason for thirty-five years belonging to the Zetland Lodge, 571 London.

He leaves four daughters. He was twice married, his first wife dying in 1906, and his second wife pre-deceasing him in 1914.

The funeral took place yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon the service being at Holy Trinity Church, conducted by the Rev H. Collier. The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. S.J. GILLMORE (son-in-law and daughter), Miss A.L. BAND and Miss V.H. BAND (daughters) Mr. Gordon SPENCER (grandson), Mrs. LONGLAND (sister-in-law). One daughter, Mrs. SPENCER, was unable to be present owing to a serious illness. Others who were present to pay a last tribute were Mr. Emile GRINER, a very old friend of Mr. BAND, Mrs LAING, Mr. and Mrs. B.H. GULLIVER, Messrs G.H. FRENCH, A. YOUNG, F.J. WHITE, G SWAINE (Marine Hotel), R. RUSSELL, W. RUSS, J.P. WATTS, H. SWEETMAN and W. WHEELER, Dr. J.W. PRIDMORE, Dr G. PRIDIE, and members of the staff at the Esplanade Hotel.

The undertakers were Messrs PURNELL and PURNELL.

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