

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Sat 30th January 1892

DEATH OF MR. H. HALSTED.---We have to record the death of Mr. H. HALSTED, the well-known host of the Crown Hotel. Mr. HALSTED was, we understand, taken ill on Saturday last with influenza, which was unfortunately attended with such serious complications that the patient succumbed, and died early on Thursday morning. Mr. HALSTED belonged to a well-known Ryde family, and has many friends by whom his death will be sincerely mourned. Mrs. HALSTED has also been ill, but we are pleased to say is recovering.

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THE LATE MR. H. HALSTED.---The remains of our well-known townsman Mr. H. HALSTED, of the Crown Hotel, were interred in Ryde Cemetery, on Monday afternoon. The respect in which he was generally held, was proved by an unusually large attendance at the grave side. The polished oak coffin was covered with beautiful wreaths and crosses sent by sympathising friends. These included a splendid wreath, subscribed for by 50 of the tradesmen, and sent to Mrs. HALSTED by Mr. James ELEY (who acted as secretary), with a letter in which the writer asked her to accept the wreath "as a token of deep sympathy with you in your heavy bereavement, and as an expression of the great respect in which your late husband was held by his fellow townsmen." The members of the Conservative Club also passed a vote of condolence, and many of its members attended.

The Rev. W. H. REDKNAP performed the service at the grave.

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The Crown Hotel, St. Thomas's Square, Ryde

This imposing building at the top of Union-street was built by Jeremiah Woodrow in 1831. He was an enterprising butcher whose shop was next door. A hundred and sixty-eight years later it is still a very popular Ryde pub.

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