

ROBERT BRUNDISH

1853 - 1943

Profession - Master Mariner

Robert was born in Great Yarmouth Norfolk in 1853. He died 17th March 1943, whilst living at 5 Butts Rd. Haylands . Ryde Isle of Wight. aged 90 yrs.

Robert was married to Eliza Martha Risebrook/ Rushbrook on the 7th February 1877 at Halvergate church Norfolk ( information Halvergate church records ) Robert was aged 24, Eliza aged 20. Information on marriage certificate. Robert was the son of James Brundish occupation given as metor. Eliza was the daughter of William Rushbrook occupation labourer. witnesses were, Charles Rudd and Sarah Ann Brundish.

1881 Census aged 28. Working and living on the Corton Vessels Corton Norfolk. The story goes, he travelled as a seaman. I reported ship was called the Hanna.

Two of their children were born in Halvergate Norfolk. Robert 1877 - 1943 and Eliza 1878 - 1963. The rest of the children Edith 1881 -1956. Beatrice 1884 - 1950. Lily 1886 - 1953. Louisa 1889 - 1971. James 1891 -1972 and William 1893 - 1976. were all born in Great Yarmoth Norfolk.

He moved with his wife Eliza and some of his family to the Isle of Wight. Working for Trinity House on the light ships, eventually becoming a captain. It will be hard to find records as most of Trinity House records were destroyed by fire in 1940, following a bombing on the records office.

They lived in East Cowes when they first arrived on the island. I recorded address, Culros, Yarbrough Rd. East Cowes, another , 43 Cambridge rd . East Cowes. He was reportedly to have decorated the outside of this house with seashells, one wall was still (wearing) a boat design in the year 2000. (story from his daughter Louisa.) The 1911 census records him living in Clarence Rd East Cowes with his wife Eliza and 2 daughters, Lily and Louisa.

It is known that at some time in his life Robert was a deep sea diver and damaged his foot in a diving accident. He wore the old bell type diving suit. another word of mouth story is that he was comissioned to help lay cables across the solent.

Robert is buried with his wife Eliza in Ashey Cemetery near Ryde Isle of Wight. section 1A plot 115.



Robert Brundish at gate 5 Butts Rd. Haylands IoW

*Information kindly submitted by Joyce Taylor*