

Birth –

Marguerite Jane E.WATTS. Dec Quarter 1871. I.Wight. 2b. 549.

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Abode: 29 Union-street, Ryde, IW.

William WATTS. Head. M. 56. Stationer. Eling, Hants.

Jane WATTS. Wife. M. 60. Newchurch, IW.

Marguerite WATTS. Dau. S. 29. Stationers Assistant. Ryde, IW.

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DEATH OF MISS M.J.E.WATTS –

Miss **Marguerite Jane Elizabeth WATTS**, who died in the Ryde Nursing Home on Monday, at the age of 85, was a member of an old business family and had vivid recollections of the town during Victorian days. She was the only daughter of the late Mr. William WATTS, stationer and bookseller, of Union-street, who was for some years a director of the “County Press” and the Ryde district manager, who died in 1933. For a long period Miss WATTS lived at North-view, Spencer-road, but about seven years ago removed to Meadowbank, Church-road, Binstead. Miss WATTS will be remembered as an accomplished musician, particularly as a pianist and organist. She was closely associated with her father, who was the first hon. secretary, and the late Mr. Michael MAYBRICK, J.P. (Stephen ADAMS) in the formation of the Borough of Ryde Philharmonic Society in 1902 and for 20 years gave devoted service as hon. accompanist. During the early part of the century she was deputy organist at All Saints Church. Miss WATTS was associated with the late Mrs. G.W.COLENUTT in organising vocal concerts and soirees in the town. She also took a prominent part in the I.W. Musical Competition Festival during its first years. She was a member of the Conservative Association. Miss WATTS for many years assisted her father in his business. The funeral took place yesterday at All Saints Church.
