

BIRTH RECORD:

Edwin Ernest WOODNUTT. c1869 Ryde. (Mother's maiden name SWATHERIDGE).

1901 CENSUS: RG13/1023. folio 26. page 8.

Abode: 43 Bettsworth-road, Haylands, Ryde, IW.

Edwin WOODNUTT. Head. M. 30. House Painter. Ryde, IW.

Emma WOODNUTT. Wife. M. 25. Havenstreet, IW.

Edwin WOODNUTT. Son. 6. Haylands, IW.

Emmeline WOODNUTT. Dau. 4. Haylands, IW.

Florence WOODNUTT. Dau. 3. Haylands, IW.

Harry WOODNUTT. Son. 3months. Haylands, IW.

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WOODNUTT .. Edwin, 1 Smithson Cottages, Upton-road, Haylands, Ryde.

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OLD RESIDENT'S DEATH –

Mr. **Edwin Ernest WOODNUTT**, who died at his home, 62 Upton-road on Friday week, after only a few days illness, was one of the last surviving members of the old Ryde Football Club, for which he played as far back as 1892. He was a right back and a team mate of Mr. T.S.MELLANBY, who a few years ago celebrated his jubilee as player and club official. Mr. WOODNUTT, who was 86, was born at Yarmouth. In his early days at Ryde he was employed as a painter by OSBORNE's. In the days when stage productions were regularly given at the Theatre Royal he gave frequent assistance as a stage property hand and had interesting recollections of many leading actors and singers who appeared there. He also had lively memories of the Christmas pantomimes, which for many years were a feature at the theatre. Many years ago he gained prominence at regattas along the south coast by his prowess as a greasy pole dancer and was a familiar figure in this respect in the old Ryde Royal Regattas when held off the pier. Much of his life was spent in the employ of the P.O. Engineering department, from which he retired in 1938. He was a very keen amateur gardener and allotment holder at Haylands. Mr WOODNUTT had been in the town shopping only two days before his death when he was the victim of a mean theft, his shopping basket being stolen after he momentarily turned his back on it when setting it down. He reported the matter to the police, but it apparently worried him and possibly hastened his death. He is survived by his widow, four sons and a daughter. A daughter and a son, William, who was one of the survivors of H.M.S. Daring in the North Sea in the last war, but who died some time later, predeceased him. The Vicar of Ryde, (the Rev. R.H.BASSETT, R.D.) took the funeral service at All Saints Church on Tuesday. The mourners were Messrs. E. G., H., E.,

F., and G.WOODNUTT (sons), Messrs. J.BUTCHER and J.WILLIAMS (sons-in-law), and Messrs. E. G., D. A., and G.WOODNUTT (grandsons). The interment was at Ryde Cemetery, the flowers included a tribute from the Post Office Social Club, who with the P.O. Engineering department, were represented. Messrs. J.H.PERKIS and Son were the undertakers. – Mrs. WOODNUTT and family wish to thank all relatives, kind friends, and neighbours for letters of sympathy and lovely flowers. Please accept this as the only intimation.

NB: Although the newspaper report states the birthplace of Mr. WOODNUTT as Yarmouth, neither the birth record, nor any of the census support this, each 1871-1901 giving Ryde as the area.