

MARRIAGE: 30th Aug 1887 All Saints' Church, Ryde, IW
Francis George FLUX. 27. Bachelor. (father: James FLUX)
& Louisa Lizzie LAKE. 19. Spinster. (father: William LAKE).

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Francis George FLUX. Head. M. 40. Incorporated Accountant (employer). Ryde, IW.
Louisa L. FLUX. Wife. M. 32. Ryde, IW.
Reginald FLUX. Son. 12. Ryde, IW.
Nellie L. FLUX. Dau. 10. Ryde, IW.
Edith F. R. LAKE. Niece. 9. Ryde, IW.

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Death Notice:-
FLUX : Feb. 27, at The Beeches, Asheys-road, Ryde, Major **Francis George FLUX**, J.P., aged 61.

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DEATH OF MAJOR FLUX, J.P.

We regret to record the death of Councillor Major **Francis George FLUX**, J.P., which occurred after a long illness at his residence, The Beeches, on Monday evening, aged 61. The deceased gentleman had a seizure just prior to Christmas 1920 which made him practically an invalid ever since and he was unable to take part in any business matters. It was hoped at one time after a period of absolute quiet he would be restored to his normal health and last summer he was often to be seen taking a walk round Swanmore with his nurse but these hopes were never realized and in spite of the most unremitting attention and care the end came peacefully but suddenly, whilst he was sitting in his chair. Some years ago Major FLUX underwent a serious illness from which he happily recovered and being of fine physique possessed of indomitable energy he entered whole-heartedly into public life in which he displayed the deepest interest. He succeeded his father as Assistant Overseer and was for a number of years at different periods on the Town Council. He was also for some time in the office of the County Director of Education at Newport where he occupied a responsible position. On the outbreak of war being an old Volunteer he had the courage to join up though considerably over-age and subsequently was given a commission and went overseas serving with distinction and attaining the rank of Major. Returning after the Armistice he resumed his seat on the Corporation and introduced several "reforms". His attitude with regard to the Bowling Green will be remembered and he was a strong advocate for the transfer of the Borough Police to the county, also the control of Education to the county both of which matters he lived to see practically completed.

He offered himself for re-election in November 1919 for the East Ward with five other progressives, Messrs. A.J. WILLIAMS, E.N. NEWMAN, F.C. WATTS, R.F. BATCHELOR, and H. RAYNER, all of whom were returned and with this support he went back to the Chamber with renewed energy and the exciting debates which ensued can be readily recalled. At the time of his unfortunate collapse he was chairman of the Finance Committee. Through his exertions, the Ratepayers Association was formed and in all his work though he encountered much opposition, every credit must be given him for the courageous and conscientious way in which he enunciated his views which he deemed to be for the general benefit of the town. He was the founder and Managing Director of the Vectis Coal Company, and a director of the Vectis Building Society. The deceased leaves a widow, daughter and one son, Capt. R.L. FLUX, M.C., with whom much sympathy is felt.

The Council-in-Committee met on Wednesday evening and passed a resolution of sympathy with the bereaved.

THE FUNERAL

Despite the inclement weather on Friday the funeral of the late Councillor Major F.G. FLUX, was largely attended both at All Saints and at the Cemetery. The members of the Corporation robed at Welby Institute, and walked in procession to the church, the Mayor (Alderman A. ANDREWS, J.P.) wearing his official robe and chain, being accompanied by the Town Clerk (Mr. T.J. FAWDRY in Wig and gown), and preceded by the mace bearer (Mr. SOTHCOTT), followed by the Deputy Mayor (Alderman W.H.P.F. THIRKELL (ex-Mayor), Alderman J.B. PURNELL, Alderman G.A. BLACKALL, J.P., Councillors C.J. DE LAUNAY, E.C. LOADER, E.,N NEWMAN, A.J. WILLIAMS, F.C. WATTS, B.J. JOLLIFFE, H.C. FOWLER, E.C. GOBLE, A.F. WRIGHT, and T.H. HALSTED, Mr. A.E. HOLMES, J.P., and Mr. John FARDELL (Magistrates Clerk) also walked in the procession. Alderman H.H. POLLARD, J.P., C.C., and Mr. W.R. TAYLOR, J.P., and Mrs. G.M. PERROTT were amongst the congregation which included Major J. ELLERY, Mr. Rowland RUSSELL, Mr. J.G. DUFFETT, Mr. W. HOPGOOD, Mr. H. G. JOLLIFFE, Mr. J.B. COOMBES (secretary of the Vectis Building Society and Plate Glass Insurance Co), Capt. RUSSELL and Sergt. Major D. PALMER (British Legion) Mr W. PEARCE, Mr B. HOLNESS (Borough Surveyor) Mr and Mrs PRIESTLY, Mr W.H. CATLEY (secretary Ryde Royal Regatta), Mr LACEY (manager of the coal department Vectis Coal Co), Miss Henry, etc.

The cortege was met by the Vicar (the Rev. H. LE FLEMING) and Rev. Cyril BLAKE (St. John's), the coffin being covered by choice wreaths.

The mourners included Captain R.L. FLUX (son); Mr. and Mrs. WELLESLEY HILL, Mr W.H. DANN (brother-in-law) and other relatives, also Major C.L. ELLERY.

The first portion of the burial service was carried out by the above named clergy and the conclusion the hymn "Jesu Lover of my Soul" was rendered. Mr E. HAYDEN, J.P., was amongst the large number at the graveside where the last sad rites were performed by the Vicar, and many old friends of the deceased gentleman lingered, despite the rain, to pay a tribute to his memory. The grave was lined with evergreens and the inscription on the coffin was "Francis George FLUX, died February 28th, 1922".

There were many beautiful wreaths including floral tokens from the widow and relatives, one from the Mayor and Corporation of Ryde ("with deepest sympathy), the Ryde Progressive Club, Col. and Mrs. WIDDICOMBE, Mr. and Mrs. J.G. DUFFETT. Mr. and Mrs. E. STALLARD, etc.

The funeral arrangements were ably carried out by Mr Ernest CHANDLER.

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TOWN COUNCIL VACANCY.- Nominations for the election of a representative of the East Ward on the Town Council to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Major **F.G. FLUX** have to be received by Monday next. The member elected will only serve until next November, when Major FLUX'S term of office would have expired.

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