

Transcript from Joseph Newman's obituary in 1943 from the local newspaper.

"By the death of Mr Joseph Samuel NEWMAN, of Crofton House, George Street, Ryde, at the age of 73, the town has been deprived of a familiar figure and an esteemed resident. Mr. NEWMAN was admitted to the Royal I W. County Hospital for an operation on September 7th and passed away there on Tuesday week. Previously he had enjoyed good health and for a man of his years was remarkably active and keen in thought. Following retirement from business in 1924, Mr NEWMAN left Surbiton and made his home at Ryde, where he kept Crofton House as a boarding establishment. He took a great interest in the town's activities being actively associated with the Ratepayers' Association. In Connection with the County Hospital Contributory Scheme he discharged loyal and valued voluntary work as a district secretary. He also took a keen interest in the Ryde Bowling Club, and was among the most enthusiastic of its members, being particularly interested in indoor bowls. He regularly described the matches played at the Pavilion indoor green in the Isle of Wight Times, under the name de plume of "Indoor Scribe." Mr NEWMAN was very fond of his garden, gardening being a hobby to which he devoted much of his spare time. He was a member of the Town Club. Mr. NEWMAN's wife passed away over two years ago, and he is survived by a son, who is in Nigeria, and three daughters, one of whom is in Kenya. The funeral, which took place at the Ryde Cemetery on Friday, was conducted by Pastor F. A. SPEARING of Bournemouth, a great friend of the family. The family present were Mrs. EDMONDS and Miss NEWMAN (daughters). Mr NEWMAN's two brothers and sister were unable to attend through ill-health. Many members of the Bowling and Town Clubs were present, and the Hospital Contributory Scheme was represented by Mr P. F. LORD. Other friends also attended. Among wreaths were those from Bowling and Town Clubs."

Additional information provided by Roy Newman

Joseph had the Freedom of London from 7 November 1904 and was a member of the Merchant Taylors from 2 November 1904. He lived at 84 Garfield Road, Wimbledon, London SW. Parents lived at 37 Robert Street, Mile End, London when he was born. He was an accountant by trade. I understand that he was in the Boer War and received compensation. I don't know the details. Joseph & Bertha had four children, Lilian, Mable, Doreen and Walter. Walter is Roy's dad and is still alive at 95.