

ISLE OF WIGHT TIMES Thursday 7th Oct 1875

Death Notice:-

COLLINS .. On the 2nd instant, at Braxfield House, Ryde, **Charles COLLINS** Esq., aged 84 years, a member of the Ryde Town Council.

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DEATH OF A COUNCILLOR

It is with sincere regret that we have this week to record the death of Mr. **Charles COLLINS**, of Braxfield House. A member of the Ryde Town Council. The deceased gentleman, a short time since purchased "Milverton" for his future residence", but we feared at the time he would not live to take up his abode there, a paralytic stroke, which occurred a year or two ago, having greatly broken him down. In his younger days, Mr. COLLINS was in Her Majesty's service, but latterly sought a quiet life in Ryde. In 1872, he somewhat emerged from his retirement by joining other gentlemen of position in assuming the reins of government of the town, displacing a clique whose acts had got to such a pitch that they were – allowed to resign.. Mr. COLLINS worked hard to secure a victory for the ratepayers when the Gas Works were sought to be thrust upon them at a fabulous price, and in many other ways to protect them - and he was on the winning side - one of those who came to the rescue and saved. He was one of those gentlemen who sacrificed his ease he was entitled to in his old days to protect his poorer ratepayers- the question of rates was to him and his coadjutors, personally of no moment. His aim was to bring peace to the troubled waters. Although he joined in the debates in the Council chamber, he was a zealous and earnest worker in committees, and rendered valuable service there. In private life he was much esteemed, being a social, genuine man; his many friends here will miss his company, and his acquaintances will miss his kind salutations, &c. when taking his daily exercise only last Wednesday, he was to all appearances as well as usual, but he took to his bed that night, and died early on Saturday morning at the ripe old age of 84 years- and on the next Wednesday (to-day) was carried to his last resting place. Mr. COLLINS' term as a Town Councillor would have expired in November 1876, he having been re-selected in 1873. Whether the extraordinary vacancy thus created will be filled up before the election on November 1st, depends on whether notices requiring it to be done within 14 days be given.

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