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Ryde Inns & Public Houses: Hotel & (posting house), Robt. YELF.

1861 CENSUS: RG9/657. folios 41/42. pages 12/13.
Address: Yelfs Hotel, Union-street, Ryde, Newchurch, IW.

**Robert YELF. Head. Mar. 63. Wine Merchant & Hotel Keeper, Coach Proprietor & Farmer.
Ryde, Hants.**

Sarah YELF. Wife. Mar. 60. Newport, Hants.
Richard A. YELF. Son. Unm. 20. Commercial Clerk. Ryde, Hants.
(plus 6 servants and 4 visitors)

1871 CENSUS: RG10/1167. folio 68. page 21.
Address: Sturbridge House, Apley, Ryde, IW.

Robert YELF. Head. Mar. 73. Wine Merchant & Landowner. Ryde, IW.

Sarah YELF. Wife. Mar. 73. Newport, IW.
Emily H. YELF. Dau. Unm. 43. Newport, IW.
Ellen PARSON. Serv. Unm. 26, Cook. Reading, Berks.
Mary BUCKETT. Serv. Unm. Housemaid. Christchurch, Hants.

1878 WHITE'S DIRECTORY Hampshire & Isle of Wight – page 484
YELF Robert, wine & spirit merchant, 53 Union-street and Sandown; h. 2 Vernon-square.

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 30th Nov 1882

Death Notice:-

YELF .. On the 21st instant, at the residence of his son-in-law, James HARBIDGE Esq., the Manor House, Little Compton, Gloucestershire, **Robert YELF** Esq., of Uplands, Ryde, in his 86th year.

ISLE OF WIGHT TIMES Thursday 28th Nov 1882

DEATH OF MR. ROBERT YELF

Since our last issue, the death of this gentleman has been announced. Mr. **YELF** died at the residence of his son in Gloucestershire at the ripe age of 85. Years ago the deceased was a very prominent citizen of Ryde, and connected one way or another with almost all the public companies in the town. He was also a member of the old governing body. The deceased maintained his physical health and vigour up to within a very short time of his decease, and his well-known figure and pleasant face will be greatly missed by a large number of people. He had been absent from Uplands, his residence, about three months when he succumbed to his last illness. The funeral took place on Tuesday in the Ryde Cemetery, when a number of leading residents paid the last tribute of respect.

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OBITUARY

We regret to record the death of Mr. **Robert YELF**, one of the oldest inhabitants of Ryde, he having first seen the light in the year 1797 in what was then known as Upper Ryde, and watched its development from a small fishing village of 700 inhabitants into a flourishing borough. Mr. YELF was one of the few survivors of the old Island Yeomanry troops who welcomed the Prince Regent (afterwards George IV.) when he visited Lord Henry SEYMOUR at Cowes. Mr. YELF always took a warm interest in the advancement of his native town, and was connected with the Pier Company in its early days. He held a seat as one of the directors of the company for many years he was chairman of the Steampacket Company, and also did much to develop the coaching communication in the Island. Mr. YELF displayed great energy in everything he undertook—farming much of the land near Ryde, St. John's, St. Clare, St. Helens, &c. This he regarded as a relaxation from his many other occupations and duties. He was one of the commissioners of the town before it was formed into a borough, Guardian of the Poor, &c. He will long live in the memories of those he has left behind him and be missed by many, especially the poor, for whom he had ever a kind word; being of such a genial bright disposition, and so considerate for others, that all who became acquainted with him regarded him with affection. He was preceded to the grave two months ago by his only remaining sister, the widow of Capt. KEATLEY, R.N.

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