

MARRIAGE: c1869 Register Office, Nonconformist or RC Church (IW Registrars ref: RO16/11)
David THOMPSON & Mary J. YOUNG.

1881 CENSUS: RG11/1187. folio 81. page 1.
Address: Drapers, Chilton Lane, Brighstone, IW.

David THOMPSON. Head. Mar. 33. Farm Labourer. Mottistone, IW.

Jane THOMPSON. Wife. Mar. 36. Laundress. Shalfleet, IW.
Celia THOMPSON. Dau. 11. Scholar. Shalfleet, IW.
Frank THOMPSON. Son. 7. Scholar. Brighstone, IW.
Harriete THOMPSON. Dau. 5. Scholar. Brighstone, IW.
Stephen THOMPSON. Son. 4. Scholar. Brighstone, IW.
May THOMPSON. Dau. 2. Brighstone, IW.
Fanny THOMPSON. Dau. 1. Brighstone, IW.

1891 CENSUS: RG12/897. folio 12. page 3.
Address: Drapers, Brixton, IW.

David THOMPSON. Head. M. 47. Farm Servant (Carter). Mottistone, IW.

Jane THOMPSON. Wife. M. 48. Newport, IW.
George THOMPSON. Son. S. 28. Labourer. Newbridge, IW.
Stephen THOMPSON. Son. 14. Carter Boy (Horse). Brixton, IW.
Fred THOMPSON. Son. 9. Scholar. Brixton, IW.
Harriet THOMPSON. Dau. 15. Laundress. Brixton, IW.
Fanny THOMPSON. Dau. 11. Scholar. Brixton, IW.

1901 CENSUS: RG13/1028. folio 14. page 6.
Address: Bartletts Green, Brading, IW.

David THOMPSON. Head. M. 50. Shepherd on Farm. Calbourne, IW.

Mary THOMPSON. Wife. M. 52. Newport, IW.
Celia THOMPSON. Dau. S. 30. Newbridge, IW.
Florence THOMPSON. Dau. S. 21. Brighstone, IW.
Frederick THOMPSON. Son. S. 19. Ordinary Agricultural Labourer. Brighstone, IW.

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 15th August 1914

Death Notice:-

THOMPSON : On August 11th, at 37 Prince-street, Ryde, **David THOMPSON**, aged 67 years.

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RYDE MAN'S FATAL FALL

Dangerous Staircase

Resulting from injuries sustained through a fall downstairs, the death occurred on Tuesday evening of **David THOMPSON**, aged 67, of 37 Prince-street, Ryde, a carter in the employ of the Corporation. An inquest was held at the Primitive Methodist Church Schoolroom, on Wednesday afternoon, before the Deputy Coroner, Mr. Francis JOYCE.

Mary Jane THOMPSON, widow of the deceased, gave evidence of identification. Her husband, she said, was 67 last birthday. On Saturday night, at about half-past ten, he went to bed. He was not well and told her that if she heard him about in the night she must not be alarmed. About half-past one on Saturday morning she heard a heavy thump. She got out of bed, and run and lit the lamp. She could not see him in his room, and she went to the top of the stairs, and could see his head at the bottom. She went down and stepped over him, unlocked the door, and called Mrs. ATTRILL, her neighbour. They found that her husband had fallen with his leg under him to the bottom of the stairs. Mrs. ATTRILL washed his face, and they found a big bruise on his forehead. She asked him if she could go for a doctor, but he said "No." They put him to bed. On the following afternoon she thought she had better call in a doctor, which she did. Deceased said later that he missed his step, and he did not remember any more. He died at 7.15 on Tuesday evening. She had herself fallen down these stairs. They were not straight, and there was no rail to catch hold of.

The Coroner said there were many dangerous staircases about the Isle of Wight.

In reply to the foreman, the widow said the deceased did not appear to have suffered great pain.

Mrs. Jennie ATTRILL, wife of Henry James ATTRILL, 86 Prince-street, gave evidence as to being called by Mrs. THOMPSON on Sunday morning, and corroborated the evidence she (Mrs. THOMPSON) had given. Deceased told her that he had thought he was further down the stairs than he was, and so fell.

Dr. J.W. PRIDMORE said he was called in to see the deceased on Sunday afternoon. He made an examination, and came to the conclusion that the man had broken his back. He was suffering from pressure on the spinal cord. There was a scratch on his face over the eye, and a bruise on the forehead. He saw the deceased on the following day. It was a hopeless case, only a question of how long he would live.

The Coroner, in summing up, said there was no doubt as to the cause of death. The stairs seemed to be very dangerous, and it was obvious that the deceased slipped and fell from top to bottom. It caused an injury such as an old man would receive from a fall. There was also no doubt that had the doctor been called earlier the man's life could not have been saved. He thought Mrs. THOMPSON and Mrs. ATTRILL did the very best thing they could for him.

A juror suggested that notice should be taken of the dangerous staircase.

The Coroner had said it had been his sad duty to hold many inquiries of this character in the Isle of Wight, resulting from dangerous staircases. It was open to the jury, of course to add a rider to their verdict.

A verdict was brought in that death was caused as a result of injuries sustained by a fall, and the jury added a rider that the attention of the landlord should be called to the dangerous state of the staircase.

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Mrs. David THOMPSON, of 31 Prince-street, Ryde, and family wish to thank all for the kind expressions of sympathy extended to them in their sad and sudden bereavement.

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