

1871 CENSUS: RG10/1163. folio 75. page 11.
Address: Hill Cottage. Carisbrooke, IW.

John G. BATCHELOR. Head. Mar. 65. From Rents of Houses. Haslar Hospital, Hants.
Mary BATCHELOR. Wife. Mar. 60. Domestic Duties. London, Middx.
Edward BATCHELOR. Son. Unm. 27. Law Wid Unemployed. Barnstaple, Devon.
Marion SMITH. Dau. Mar. 34. No occupation. St. Heliers, Isle of Jersey.
Herbert R. SMITH. Son. 6. Scholar. Carisbrooke, IW.
Claude E. SMITH. Son. 4. Scholar. Carisbrooke, IW.

1881 CENSUS: RG11/1176. folio 78. page 13.
Address: 46 Elm Gove, Newport, IW.

Marion SMITH. Head. ??? 44. School Mistress. St. Helier, Jersey.
Herbert R. SMITH. Son. Unm. 16.alist. Carisbrooke, IW.
Claude E. SMITH. Son. Unm. 14. Writing Clerk. Carisbrooke, IW.
Mary BATCHELOR. Mother. Widow. 76. Annuitant. London.???

1891 CENSUS: RG12/891. folio 85. page 10.
Address: 17 Lind-street, Ryde.

Claude E. SMITH. Head. S. 24. Solicitors Clerk Law. Carisbrooke, IW.
Marion SMITH. Mother. Wid. 54. Living on own means. St. Helier, Jersey.

1901 CENSUS: RG13/1024. folio 36. page 23.
Address: 17 Lind-street, Ryde, IW.

Claude E. SMITH. Head. S. 34. Solicitor's Clerk. Newport, IW.
Marion SMITH. Mother. W. 64. Living on own means. Jersey.

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MR. C.E. SMITH

The death occurred at 21 Lind Street, Ryde, on Friday, of Mr. **Claude Ernest SMITH**, aged 75, a prominent worker for St. James's Church. Mr. SMITH was for more than 40 years employed by Messrs. James ELDRIDGE and Sons, the solicitors, being the greater part of that time managing clerk at the firm's Ryde Office. He retired from business in 1919, For 27 years he was a churchwarden at St. James's Church, and over a long period was a Sunday School superintendent. Other offices he held were hon. treasurer to the Y.M.C.A., hon. secretary to the Bible Churchman's Missionary Society, and hon. treasurer to the Zenaria Bible and Medical Mission.

The funeral took place at St. James's Church on Tuesday, the Rev. E.E.M. GREEN (incumbent) officiating, assisted by the Rev E.G. BOWRING. In addition to the family mourners, representatives of Messrs. James ELDRIDGE and Sons and of the various organisations with which Mr. SMITH was associated attended.

DEATH OF MR. CLAUDE SMITH

By the death of Mr. **Claude Edward SMITH**, at 21, Lind-street, on Friday week the town has lost a much-esteemed resident who formerly took a leading part in local religious life and was a generous benefactor to many good causes. He had been in poor health for several years and had not been about for over two months. Mr. SMITH was 75 and the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ross SMITH of Carisbrooke. For nearly 40 years he was in the employ of Messrs. James ELDRIDGE and sons at first in their solicitors' office at Newport but for the longer time as chief clerk in their Ryde office. He was among the most prominent of evangelical churchmen in the town and was an old and loyal member of St. James's Church. He was the incumbent's warden for 28 years and the esteemed Sunday-school superintendent for a considerable time. Other offices of which he filled with devotion were the hon. secretaryship of the Bible Churchman's Missionary Society, hon. treasurer of C.A.W.G, HOME AT Garfield House, and hon. treasurer of the local Auxiliary of the Zenana Bible and Medical Mission.

The funeral service on Tuesday in St. James's Church was conducted by the Revs E.R.M. GREEN and E.G. BOWRING, of the Church Association. Mr. GREEN paid a feeling tribute to Mr. SMITH'S work for St. James's and his generosity, recalling that he bore the greater part of the expenses of the renovation of the building. The Hymns "Rock of ages" and "Abide with me" were sung. The mourners were Miss A. PALMER, Miss F. BULL, Mrs. S., Mr. E. , junior, and Miss C.PALMER, Mrs. James ELDRIDGE, Mr. J.C.M. ELDRIDGE (representing Mr. James ELDRIDGE), Mr. and Mrs. R.J. ELDRIDGE, Mr. J.B. ALDERSLADE, and Mr. H. and Miss COLLYER (Ryde office of Messrs. J. ELDRIDGE and Son).

Among others present were Dr. F. WILSON HARLOW, Mr. C. LANGDON, Mr. and Mrs. A.G. SALMON, Mr. J.C. PETERS, Mrs. BUSHELL, Mrs. WHITS, Mrs. SNOW, Miss R. BURT, J.P., Mr. J.R. GRACE, Miss V. BARKHAM, Mrs. H. COLYER, Mrs. R. BARKHAM, the Misses INGRAM (Zenana Bible and Medical Mission), Miss S.A. OSBORN, and many members of St. James's congregation. The beautiful floral tokens included those from the household staff, Mr. and Mrs. JAMES, and Mr. and Mrs. R.J. ELDRIDGE.

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