1881 CENSUS: RG11/1178. Folio 93. page 14. Address: Malt & Hops Inn, High-street, Ryde, IW.

William HOOPER. Head. Mar. 41. Licensed Victualler. Stroud, Gloster.

Martha HOOPER. Wife. Mar. 35. Licensed Victualler's Wife. Whitwell, IW. Mary Blanche HOOPER. Dau. Unm. 12. Scholar. Jamaica, West Indies.

1891 CENSUS: RG12/891. Folio 9. page 12. Address: 40 St. John's-road, Ryde, IW.

William HOOPER. Head. M. 49. Lodging House Keeper. Bisley, Glos.

Martha HOOPER. Wife. M. 45. Whitwell, IW.

Ada ROACH. Niece. S. 17. Telegraphist – Clerk. Whitwell, IW.

1910 KELLY's DIRECTORY – pages 291 & 302 **HOOPER William**, 7 West-street, Ryde, IW.

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Death Notice:-

HOOPER.. October 29th, at West Street, Ryde, William HOOPER, aged 82.

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INDIAN MUTINY VETERAN'S DEATH

We regret to announce the death of Mr. **William HOOPER** of Laurel Cottage, West Street, at the ripe age of 82, after a short illness. Deceased was an old Army man, and Indian Mutiny Veteran, having been with the British Army in India, under Sir Henry HAVELOCK and took part in the relief of Lucknow in 1857. He was also in the Ashanti Expedition of 1873. Late sergeant Major of the 2nd West Indian Regt., he had seen about eighteen years foreign service in all, and was the proud possessor of medals for long service and good conduct, the Indian Mutiny and Ashanti campaign. Sergt. Major HOOPER had been long resident in Ryde, and the funeral will take place to-day (Saturday) at the Ryde cemetery with military honours.

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ARMY VETERAN'S FUNERAL

The funeral of the late Sergt-Major **HOOPER** of West Street, whose death we announced last week, took place on Saturday at Ryde Cemetery, the Rev. R. ROGERS, Wesleyan Minister, officiating, and full military honours were accorded. The mourners were Mrs. HOOPER (widow), Mr. and Mrs. J. FOWLER (daughter and son-in-law), Mrs. RAYNER and Mrs. ROACH (nieces), Mr. ROACH (nephew), and Mr. H. THEARLE. There were no flowers by request.

NB: The article below was, we believe, relating to the gun-carriage that was used to carry the remains of Sergt-Major HOOPER.

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LAMP-POST ACCIDENT

On Saturday afternoon while the gun-carriage which was in attendance for a military funeral was attempting to turn in a narrow past of High-street, one of the wheels came into violent contact with the lamp-post outside Mr. H.P. JOLLIFFE'S shop, at the corner of High-street and Green-street, with the result that the lamp-post was broken right off at the pavement, and the lamp entirely smashed. Fortunately the gun-carriage was empty at the time and no other damage ensued.

From the book RYDE PUBS by Kevin Mitchell (1996) p. 113. "Malt & Hops," 70 High-street, Ryde.

At the junction of High-street and St. John's-road, this pub was known as the "Oak" until 1872, and it closed in 1928. It was demolished and some public conveniences erected on the site, which in turn were pulled down in 1994 and replaced by much improved ones. (with picture)

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