

1841 CENSUS: HO107/406/7. Folio 8. page 10.
address: Corstorphine Hill, Ryde, Newchurch, IW.

James LIND. 45. M.D. Magistrate. (Yes)

Mary LIND. 40. (Yes)
Miriam HARBOUR. 24. F.S. (Yes)
Eliza WESTMORE. 20. F.S. (Yes)
Mark SCOVELL. 20. M.S. (Yes)
George BULSTRODE. 12. M.S. (Yes)

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1851 CENSUS: HO107/1664. Folio 193. page 31.

Address: Corstorphine House, Spencer-road, Ryde, Newchurch, IW.

James P. LIND. Head. Mar. 60. Magistrate M.D. Oxon Not Practising. Alverstoke, Hants.

Mary Anne LIND. Wife. Mar. 40. Portsmouth, Hants.
Henry PENDY. Serv. U. 23. Wheatland ? Hants.
Elizabeth WILLIS. Serv. U. 23. Niton, Hants.
Elizabeth HALE. Serv. U. 25. Hants.

1859 WHITE's DIRECTORY of Hampshire & Isle of Wight – page 657

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ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 14th July 1860

Death Notice:-

LIND „, On the 10th inst., at Corstorphine Lodge, Ryde, in the 70th year of his age, **James Player LIND**, Esq., M.D., late of Wadham College, Oxon, a Justice of the Peace for the County of Hampshire and for many years Chairman of the Ryde Bench of Magistrates.

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SUDDEN DEATH OF DR. LIND

Another most painful illustration of the truth of that apophthegm in the Book of books, “In the midst of life we are in death,” has occurred in our locality during the week. On Monday evening, **James Player LIND**, esq., M.D., was looking over some contemplated alterations to the first stand on the Esplanade, so as to afford more room for setting down and taking up passengers at the Pier gate, and on Tuesday morning at 5 o'clock he was a lifeless corpse. It appears the deceased was attacked by apoplexy, about 3 o'clock, and his medical adviser, Mr. R.W. BLOXHAM, was sent for and immediately was in attendance, but his services were unavailing, as after a succession of other attacks, he sank at the hour mentioned, in the 70th year of his age. From the prominent position occupied by the doctor for a long series of years, the chairman to the Ryde Bench of magistrates, chairman and managing director of the Ryde Pier Company, and was one of the “lords of the soil,” of Ryde a slight biographical notice of him may be reasonably expected. In politics he was unfortunately a Tory of the old school, and by an adherence to the exclusive policy adopted by that (now nearly extinct) race of obstructives, he sacrificed his popularity, which other traits in his character were scarcely sufficient to counterbalance; and his political views on one occasion so far

over-balanced his judgement to cause him to exercise his magisterial functions in a manner which called forth the warmest disapprobation from all classes of his fellow-townsmen and well nigh caused a disastrous collision between the military and civilians. The facts were these : on the occasion of the third election, after the passing of the Reform Bill, the candidates were the Hon. W. A'COURT HOLMES (now Lord HEYTESBURY) and the Hon. Dudley PELHAM, the former on the Tory , and the latter on the Liberal interest. At an early period, the Tory took the lead on the poll, and gradually improved his position, so as to shew symptoms of winning; this so exasperated the crowd collected around the polling place at Ryde that considerable violence was used towards the Tory party, and on the close of the first day's poll (there were two days then), the windows of the Kent-hotel and the dwellinghouses of the Tory voters were smashed. In order to prevent a recurrence of the violence, the principal inhabitants came forth the next day and volunteered their services and were sworn in as special constables, the deceased acting as one of the magistrates; the town was divided into districts and patrolled, and order was thoroughly restored and maintained. Notwithstanding these circumstances and quite unknown to the civilians, the doctor landed from Portsmouth on the pier about 9 o'clock in the evening, after dark, at the head of a file of soldiers, equipped and armed for service ! The fury of the inhabitants on becoming aware of this breach of faith, and alarming stretch of magisterial power, could scarcely be kept within bounds; threats were made and preparations for carrying them into execution for the immediate destruction of the Town-hall, where the soldiers were quartered, if they were not immediately moved ; and a riot of the most formidable character was on the point of being enacted, and that too by the principal inhabitants of the town. The ill-advised step was immediately retraced; and the soldiers, after being regaled by the "specials," were marched back again. A public meeting was afterwards held, and the magistrates severely reprobated, and a memorial was forwarded to Lord John RUSSELL, then Home Secretary, for their removal; but nothing further was done in the matter. This act of the doctor was scarcely ever forgiven, and of course added greatly to his unpopularity. At one time the accusation was rife, that the decisions of the Ryde Bench had a strong political bias, and we believe that there were substantial grounds for that accusation, and there ever will be as long as its constitution is exclusive of a Tory character; it is the fault of the system, more than of individuals. We can recollect the time when his directions of the Pier Company's affairs was characterised for penuriousness and illiberality , but we have heard of no such complaints of late years. In fact it is but bare justice to admit that the doctor had outlived much of his unpopularity; his politics had undergone considerable modification arising from his experience of the success of the various Liberal measures adopted and the last quarter of a century; his magisterial decisions were tempered more with mercy; and his nature seemed of a more genial character. In private life his reputation was unassailable, and it was characterised for its extreme unobtrusiveness and simplicity, which in the eyes of the multitude almost partook of stinginess; yet he kept up an exceeding good table, a few servants ever received better treatment than his. He married early in life, but was never blessed with a family- a circumstance never without its probably upon the mind and habits of the deceased. He has enjoyed the character of being a millionaire, but our opinion has always been in antagonism with that; riches most undoubtedly he will be proved to have; and after all, of what avail is it? Naked he came into the world, and naked he will go out , and the reflection ought to sink deeply in the minds of all.

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 21st July 1860

FUNERAL OF DR. LIND

The mortal remains of **James Player LIND**, esq., MD, were deposited in their final resting-place at the Cemetery on Tuesday last. The funeral was altogether of an unostentatious character, and the attendants consisted entirely of a few relations and medical adviser and clergymen. Some tradesmen marked the event by the partial closure of their shutters, but there was no desire, so we understood, for any public display on the occasion.

BURIAL: 17th July 1860 St. Thomas's Church
James PLAYER LIND, of Ryde age 69

NB: Prior to the Ryde Commissioners Burial Board taking over and extending the Old Parish Cemetery in 1862, the burials in this part of the cemetery were an overflow from St. Thomas's Church and therefore were recorded in the St. Thomas's register.

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