

1871 CENSUS: RG10/1165. folio 63. page 5.  
Address: 13 Union-street, Ryde, IW.

Robert Granger OSBORNE. Head. Mar. 46. Tailor & Outfitter empl 8 men & 2 boys. Brading, IW.  
Matilda Sophia OSBORNE. Wife. Mar. 42. St. Helens, IW.  
Harry James OSBORNE. Son. Unm. 21. Tailor's Assistant. Ryde.  
**Matilda Ellen OSBORNE. Dau. Unm. 18. Ryde.**  
Frank OSBORNE. Son. Unm. 16. Tailor's Assistant. Ryde.  
Katherine Mary OSBORNE. Dau. 10. Ryde.  
Ellen TOWNSON. Serv. Unm. 18. Domestic Servant. Essex.

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1881 CENSUS: RG11/1178. folio 57. page 3.  
Address: 13 Union-street, Ryde, IW.

Matilda S. OSBORNE. Head. Wid. 52. Outfitter empl 3 men & 1 boy. St. Helens, IW.  
**Matilda E. OSBORNE. Dau. Unm. 28. Ryde, IW.**  
Frank OSBORNE. Son. Unm. 26. Outfitter's Assistant. Ryde, IW.  
Herbert J. OSBORNE. Nephew. 14. Scholar. Bembridge, IW.  
Wilhemina H. SEIDENSTICKER. Serv. Unm. 20. Gen Serv. Gosport, Hants.

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1891 CENSUS: RG12/890. folio 105. page 8.  
Address: 7 Star-street, Ryde, IW.

Matilda OSBORNE. Head. Wid. 62. Living on own means. St. Helens, IW.  
**Matilda E. OSBORNE. Dau. S. 38. Governess School. Ryde, IW.**  
Frank OSBORNE. Son. S. 36. Tailor's Assistant. Ryde, IW.  
Katharine OSBORNE. Dau. S. 30. Governess School. Ryde, IW.  
Alice JOLLIFFE. Serv. S. 24. General Servant. Shide, IW.

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1901 CENSUS: RG13/1025. Folio 32. page 1.  
Address: Wilton House, Melville-street, Ryde, IW.

Matilda S. OSBORNE. Head. Wid. 72. Living on own means. St. Helens, IW.  
**Matilda E. OSBORNE. Dau. S. 48. Ryde, IW.**  
Frank OSBORNE. Son. S. 46. Tailor's Cutter. Ryde, IW.  
Ethel HAYLES. Serv. S. 20. General Servant Domestic. Binstead, IW.

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### **AN OLD LADY'S DEATH Ryde Inquest Verdict**

An inquest was held on Friday at the High-Street Methodist Schoolroom into the death of Miss **Matilda ELLEN OSBORNE**, (80), who died on Wednesday at the County Hospital some weeks after the accident in which she broke a leg and which occurred at Wilton Grange, Ashley-road, where she resided on the day of a serious fire. The Island Deputy Coroner (Mr. F.A. JOYCE) conducted the inquiry, and Inspector H. ROGERS represented the Police.

Mr. Malcolm James OSBORNE, tailor, of 13 Union-street, said that the deceased was his aunt and since the death of her sisters about three years ago she had resided at Wilton Grange. She had been partially blind for eight years, but had sufficient sight to enable her to walk about quietly. He had seen her several times in Hospital, and she told him she had fallen downstairs.

Mr. George RICHARDS, boarding-house proprietor, of Wilton Grange, Ashey-road, said that Miss OSBORNE had lived there for 2 ½ years, she was a spinster of independent means and was practically blind. On March 18 there was a fire in the flat adjoining Miss. OSBORNE's room on the second floor. The fire was discovered at about two in the afternoon, and must have been burning for some time as the lady had gone out for about two hours and left the lamp burning. The Fire Brigade was summoned, and the damage caused by the fire and water necessitated the removal of Miss OSBORNE to another room, she was rather agitated by the fire, but during the afternoon she was downstairs and seemed to have got over it. At 7.30 in the evening, deceased was put into another room upstairs. At eight when the rest of the household was downstairs he heard a fall and a scream. Miss PRENDERGAST ran up and found deceased lying at the bottom of nine stairs. She had left the room in which she was and gone to her old room to get something, and mistaking the door had fallen down the stairs. The electric light had been cut off owing to the fire. Dr. PRIDMORE was called, and the next day deceased was removed to hospital. She was quite familiar with the staircase, and was only a few stairs away from her own room. She told him she thought she had reached it and mistook the head of the stairway for her door.

Miss Lily PRENDERGAST, night nurse, of 61 High-street, said she had been attending another lady at Wilton Grange. Shortly after 8 p.m. on March 8 she was downstairs with the rest of the household, and took Miss OSBORNE up to her new room \*\*\* asked her if she wanted anything else, and when she said that she did not witness said she would come back later to see that she was all right. Deceased said she would undress slowly and get into bed. She was an old lady who preferred to do everything for herself. Witness was in her room for some time, and at 8.30, about ten minutes after she had left, she heard a bump upstairs. She went up and found Miss OSBORNE whom she assisted to bed. Miss OSBORNE was fully dressed, and had gone back to her own room to get a bottle of medicine, which she was holding when she fell. Witness telephoned for Dr. PRIDMORE, and the next day deceased was removed to hospital. Dr. PRIDMORE had seen deceased at about 6.30 that evening, after he heard of the fire and had sent up a tonic.

Dr. George Quentin CHANCE, house surgeon at the County Hospital, said that deceased was admitted on March 19 suffering from a fracture of the left femur. She was always very weak, and developed hypostatic pneumonia, a condition which often followed lying in bed as the result of an accidental fall.

The Coroner said it was very unfortunate that an old lady should terminate her life in this manner, but he entirely acquitted any member of the household from any blame in the matter. She appeared to be an old lady of independent ways and like many old ladies she resented interference from other people. His verdict was the deceased died from pneumonia developed in consequence of lying in bed as the result of an accidental fall.

## THE FUNERAL

The Rev. A.C. DURHAM (Vicar) conducted the funeral service at St. Michael's Church on Saturday afternoon, the interment followed at the Ryde Cemetery. The mourners were Mr. H.H. OSBORNE, of Newport, Mr. Malcolm OSBORNE and Mr. G. RUSSELL (nephews), Mrs. OSBORNE of Totland Bay (sisters-in-law), Mrs. Malcolm OSBORNE and Mrs. G. RUSSELL.