

1871 CENSUS: RG10/759. folio 9. page 14.
Address: The Cedars, Vaubragh Fields, Greenwich, Kent.

Nathaniel John FENNER. Head. Mar. 47. Oil Merchant. City of London.
Louisa FENNER. Wife. Mar. 44. Greenwich, Kent.
Nellie FENNER. Dau. 7. Greenwich, Kent.
Nathaniel H. FENNER. Son. 5. Greenwich, Kent.
Herbert FENNER. Son. 3. Greenwich, Kent.
Louisa FENNER. Dau. 1. Greenwich, Kent.
Sarah BREGH. Serv. Unm. 28. Cook. Bedfordshire.
Elizabeth GODDARD. Serv. Unm. 22. Housemaid. Greenwich, Kent.
Emily GILLSFORD. Serv. Unm. 14. Nurse. Dorsetshire.
Thomas GREEN. Serv. Unm. 18. Servant. Woodford, Essex.

MARRIAGE: March ¼ 1885 (General Registrars ref: Lewisham reg dist. vol 1d. page 1013)
Henry SWEETMAN & **Nellie Edith FENNER.**

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 28th May 1887

OBITUARY

Our obituary records the death on the 23rd inst., Mrs. **Henry SWEETMAN**, the wife of Councillor SWEETMAN. The death of a young wife always possesses a melancholy interest, but still more so when, as in the case of Mrs. SWEETMAN, she leaves an infant daughter but a few days old to remind the bereaved father of his loss. Mr. SWEETMAN has been peculiarly unfortunate, his first wife having died under similar mournful circumstances, her offspring, a sturdy little son, still surviving.

Public interest and sympathy were very strongly manifested at the funeral, which took place on Thursday morning, at the Cemetery, when a large number of people, estimated at nearly a thousand, assembled to witness the obsequies. The coffin, which was of polished elm with brass mountings, was borne to its last resting place on a catafalque. It was covered in beautiful wreaths of white flowers. The chief mourners were Mr. H. SWEETMAN, Mr. FENNER (father of the deceased), Messrs. FENNER (two brothers), Mr. E. SWEETMAN, Mr. E. SWEETMAN, jun., Mr. C. SWEETMAN, Mr. W. SWEETMAN, and Mr. S. WOODS.

Amongst the friends who testified their respect by attending were Dr. BUCK, Mr. EASTCOTT (Deputy Inspector General), Captain FENDALL, Captain J. FLUX Lieutenant SCHOLFIELD, R.N., Councillor JAMES, Councillor ELLERY, Mr. Joseph ELLERY, Mr. H. PACK, Mr. P.M GREENHAM, Mr. C. CARTER, Mr. T.A. BUTLER, Mr. BREDDY, &c. The funeral service was performed by the Rev. A.J. WADE, the Vicar of Holy Trinity. After the coffin had been lowered to its last resting place, and the mourners had retired, some time elapsed before those present had filed past to obtain a glimpse of the coffin, the plate upon which was inscribed with the simple inscription,

“Nellie Edith SWEETMAN ;
died May 23rd, 1887 ;
aged 24 years.”

The coffin was covered with 19 lovely wreaths of white flowers, and four floral crosses. A very large wreath was inscribed, “With the fraternal sympathy of the Foresters”; another was sent by the officers of the Volunteers ; while a wreath of unique design, and of very handsome flowers,

was sent by the members of the Ryde Habitation and Primrose League, of which Mr. H. SWEETMAN is the Ruling Councillor. In addition to these, wreaths were sent by Mr. H. SWEETMAN, Mr. N.J. FENNER and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. SWEETMAN, Mr. C. SWEETMAN, Miss SWEETMAN, Colonel MALONE, Mr. L. BARTON, jun., Mr. and Mrs. F. PRATT, Mr. M. WEBBER, Mr. BRADDY, Mr. J. ELLERY, jun., Mr. and Mrs. T. CHIVERTON, Mr. and Mrs. J. JAMES, Mr. H. WRIGHT, Dr. GODRICH, and Miss HALL, Mr. and Mrs. ELSON, "A deep sympathiser," Miss Ella WOODWARD, Miss CARTER, Mr. AYLES, and Mr. BUTLER.

Mr. SIMMONDS was the undertaker.

Researched & typed by
Ann Barrett
Marilyn Newsham