

1891 CENSUS: RG12/1249. folio 109. pages 17/18.  
Address: Lansdowne-road, Bedford, Beds.

**William ROOKE. Head. M. 54. Retired Major-Gen R.A. Teignmouth, Devon.**

Eleanor M. ROOKE. Wife. M. 44. Jamaica (British Subject).  
Mabel H. ROOKE. Dau. S. 22. Lymington, Hants.  
Lilian P. ROOKE. Dau. S. 18. Gibraltar (British Subject).  
Giles ROOKE. Son. S. 16. Scholar. Lymington, Hants.  
Everard ROOKE. Son. 15. Scholar. Woolwich, Kent.  
Rose M. ROOKE. Dau. 13. Scholar. Lymington, Hants.  
Eliza G. ANNESLEY. Visitor. Wid. 54. Living on own means. Norwood, Surrey.  
Sarah WHITLOCK. Serv. S. 50. Nurse Domestic Servant. Pilton, Wilts.  
Elizabeth J. CORK. Serv. S. 20. Cook Domestic Servant. Simpson, Bucks.

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1901 CENSUS: RG13/1024. folio 102. page 24.  
Address: 2 Partlands-avenue, Ryde, IW.

**William ROOKE. Head. M. 64. Major-General Retired. Teignmouth, Devon.**

Eleanor M. ROOKE. Wife. M. 54. Jamaica.  
Rose M. ROOKE. Dau. S. 23. Lymington, Hants.  
Mary CULLEN. Serv. S. 23. Parlourmaid (Domestic). Ireland.

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**ROOKE** Maj.-Gen. William F.R.G.S. Ellerslie, Ashe-road, Ryde, IW.

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ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 13th September 1919

Death Notice:-

**ROOKE** .. On Sept 7th at Ellerslie, Ryde, Major-General **William ROOKE**, late R.A. aged 82.

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**DEATH AND FUNERAL OF  
MAJ-GENERAL ROOKE**

A gallant officer passed away at his residence, Ellerslie, Ashe-road on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> in the person of **Major-General William ROOKE**, late Royal Artillery, who had served in the Crimean War and was 82 years of age having resided here since 1882 the deceased and his family were well known and much respected parishioners at All Saints. He was a popular member of the R.V.Y.C. his three sons all joined the Regulars, one a Major in the Ghurkas having been killed in the late \*\*\* and another a Captain in the Royal Engineers dying in India, whilst the third surviving son Colonel R.E. ROOKE, R.E., C.M.G. D.S.O. is at present serving in North Russia, and therefore unable to attend the funeral.

The deceased whose wife pre-deceased him, had been ill for about six months and was attended by Dr. DAVIES. The funeral took place on Wednesday last. The coffin covered with the Union Jack and a pall was taken to All Saints Church where the service was choral, was conducted by the Rev. Hugh LE FLEMING, assisted by the Rev. W.F. HANBURY, Vicar of St. Michaels

Swanmore. Two hymns “ Now the labourers task is o’er,” and “Peace perfect Peace,” were sung, and the organist (Mr. E.G. WELSH) played “ O rest in the Lord.” The interment took place in the family grave at Ryde Cemetery. By deceased’s own wish there were no flowers except a magnificent cross of white flowers which rested on top of the coffin.

The mourners were : The Misses Mabel, Lillian , and Rose ROOKE (three daughters), Mrs. Giles ROOKE (daughter-in-law), Major F.C.P. WILLIAMS-FREEMAN, D.S.O. (nephew) , Miss WILLIAMS-FREEMAN (niece), Nurse WILLIAMS and two maids of the household. Amongst others in the church were Col. BECKER, Col. METCALFE, Capt. \*\*\*, Mr. G. FARDELL, Mrs. Pierce FOSTER, Mrs HANBURY, Mrs. MEARS, Mrs. VIVIAN, Mrs. SIDEBOTTOM, Mrs. MORPHEY, and Mrs. SELBY LOWNDES. The massive coffin was of English oak with raised and fitted with heavy brass ring handles the lid bearing a brass plate with the engraved inscription :

WILLIAM ROOKE  
Born 29 Dec. 1836  
Died 7 Sept. 1919

The whole of the arrangements were intrusted to and admirably conducted by Messrs. PURNELL and PURNELL.

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