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Mary DRYSDALE. Head. Unm. 50. No Occupation. Scotland. Wilhemina DRYSDALE. Sister. Unm. 39. England. Ellen Mary DRYSDALE. Sister. Unm. 19. England. Florence SYMONS. Visitor. Unm. 12. England. Louisa ATTRILL. Serv. Unm. 13. Domestic Servant. England.

MARRIAGE: 3rd Nov 1879 at All Saints' Church, Ryde, IW. Henry SWEETMAN. Full/age. Bachelor. (father: Edward SWEETMAN) Ellen Mary DRYSDALE. Full/age. Spinster. (father: Pattison DRYSDALE).

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Sad Death of a Young Wife at Ryde – Much sympathy is felt for Mr H SWEETMAN, brewer, of this town, who lost his young wife on Sunday. Mrs SWEETMAN had only been married a few months. Before her marriage she was universally known as an amateur vocalist of no mean ability, scarcely a concert taking place at which she did not lend her services. In fact, she was known all over the Island, and while her sweet voice brought her frequently before the public, her kindly amicable disposition endeared her to a large circle of friends. In fact the bereavement is unusually painful in its character, and we have not heard so many expressions of sympathy and regret for a long time. The deceased young lady was well connected, and a niece of the Miss DRYSDALE who, some months since, gave the navvies engaged on the railway works here a tea.

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