1881 CENSUS: RG11/207. folio 90. page 1.

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1891 CENSUS: RG12/892, folio page 14.

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1901 CENSUS: RG13/1026. folio 48. page 18.

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Death Notice -

SIMONDS .. July 5th at St. John's Villa, Ryde, Professor **James Beart SIMONDS**, J.P., formerly Principal of the Royal Veterinary College, London, in his 95th year.

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DEATH OF PROFESSOR J. BEART SIMONDS, J.P.

We regret to announce the death, at his residence, St. John's-park, on Tuesday, of Professor **J. Beart SIMONDS**, J.P., at the advanced age of over 94. When deceased, who was a man of high scientific attainments, retired from the Royal Veterinary College, he took up his residence in the Island and manifested considerable interest in local affairs, his name being added to the Commission of the Peace for the borough. Advancing years, however, has caused him to lead a very retired life for some time. The funeral of the late professor took place yesterday at the Cemetery. A service was held at the house, conducted by the Rev. E. Bruce PEARSON. Mrs. SIMONDS (widow) and Mrs. STONE were present at this service, in addition to Mr. Guy SIMONDS (grandson), Col. BURGESS (son-in-law), and Dr. TURNER, who followed the body to the grave. There were also present Messrs. W. Hammond RIDDETT, E. MARVIN, B. GROVES, H. H. POLLARD, and S. FOWLER (borough magistrates); Messrs. J. O.

BROOK, F. STRATTON, W. G. DAISH, and W. H. LONG. Mr. John FARDELL (Clerk to the borough justices) was prevented from attending by a professional engagement. Messrs. PURNELL were in charge of the arrangements. The Union Jack was flying at half-mast on the Town-hall yesterday morning, out of respect to the memory of the deceased gentleman.

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DEATH OF A RYDE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

We regret to record the death of Professor **J. Beart SIMONDS**, which occurred at his residence, St. John's Park on Wednesday last. The deceased gentleman, (who is said to have reached the extraordinary age of 94), came to reside in Ryde some 20 years ago, and took a great deal of interest in local affairs. He was an active member of the Ryde Exhibitions and Horticultural Association for many years. This association used to be called the Sports and Amusements committee, and it was mainly through the Professor's initiative the name was changed. He was placed on the Commission of Peace soon after he came to Ryde, and for some years was a constant attendant at the Borough Bench. He was also a member of the St. Helens Local Board. His great age has, however, compelled him to live a very retired life for the last few years. We understand that Professor SIMONDS was a professor of comparitive anatomy, and for many years principal of the Royal Veterinary College, London. He was at one time, he told us, the editor of a paper devoted to veterinary matters. He was an active, energetic man when in his prime, and very much respected.

The funeral

The funeral of the late Professor SIMONDS took place today (Friday). The breastplate on the coffin was inscibed --- "James Beart SIMONDS, Born February 18th 1810. Died July 5th 1904". The first portion of the service took place at the residence of the deceased gentleman, the Rev. Bruce PEARSON officiating. The chief mourners were Mr. Guy SIMONDS (grandson), Colonel BURGESS (son-in-law), Dr. TURNER, the Rev. Bruce PEARSON, Mr. STRATTON, Mr. J. O. BROOKE, and the indoor and outdoor servants. The funeral cortege then proceeded to Ryde Cemetery where it was met by Ald. MARVIN, Mr. W. H. RIDDETT, Ald. E. GROVES, Mr. H. H. POLLARD, C.A., and Ald. S. FOWLER (Borough Magistrates), Mr. George DAISH, etc.

The Clerk to the Ryde Borough Magistrates (Mr. John FARDELL) was unable to attend owing to an important engagement at Newport.

The funeral arrangements were admirably carried out by Messrs. PURNELL and PURNELL.

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