MARRIAGE: Sept ½ 1892 (General Registrars ref: Weymouth Reg dist. vol 5a. page 559) **James Beenham GADD** & Ada Harriette DAVIS

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Address: Church-place, Soham, Cambs.

James B. GADD. Head. M. 39. Postmaster Post Office. Calne, Wilts.

Ada H. GADD. Wife. M. 32. Birkenhead, Cheshire.

Adela D. GADD. Dau. 7. Weymouth, Dorset.

James. F. GADD. Son. 6. Weymouth, Dorset.

Arthur G. GADD. Son. 1. Weymouth, Dorset.

Sophia J. PALMER. Serv. S. 17. Servant Domestic. Soham, Cambs.

1920 KELLY's DIRECTORY of Hampshire & Isle of Wight - page 715 **GADD James Beenham**, Parkdale, Belvedere-street, Ryde, IW.

1927 KELLY's DIRECTORY of Hampshire & Isle of Wight - page 730 **GADD James Beenham**, Parkdale, Belvedere-street, Ryde, IW.

1935 KELLY's DIRECTORY of Ryde & Neighbourhood - pages 10 & 109 **GADD Jas. B.** 9 Belvedere-street, Ryde, IW.

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Mr. J. B. GADD.

Mr. **J. B. GADD,** of Belvedere-street, Ryde, died suddenly at his residence on Monday. The facts were reported to the Coroner and the post-mortem examination was held, but an inquest was found to be unnecessary.

Mr. GADD was taken ill during the night and died in the presence of members of his family, death being due to congestion of the lungs. He was 78.

For forty years in the service of the Post Office, Mr. GADD came to Ryde as head post master in 1915 and retired in 1922. During his service, he held post-masterships at Ledbury (Herefordshire) and Hitchin (Herts) and had been assistant postmaster at Wolverhampton.

In his retirement, he had his main interest in Ryde Golf Club, of which he was an early member and was for some years joint honorary secretary with Mr. H.P. CHIVERTON. For his services he was made an honorary life member of the club. Mr. GADD also found an interest in Ryde Bowling Club, and although not a player, was a frequent spectator at the greens. The funeral takes place to-day, a service is being held at the Holy Trinity Church at 2.30 p.m.

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Death Notice:-

GADD .. On March 4, 1940, at Parkdale, Belvedere-street, Ryde, **James Beenham GADD**, dear husband of Ada GADD, aged 76 years.

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DEATH OF MR. J.B GADD

We regret to announce the sudden death of **Mr. James Beenham GADD** at Parkdale, Belvedere-street, on Monday. From 1915 to 1922 he was head-postmaster here and on retirement had spent 40 years in the postal service, including the head-postmastership at Ledbury, Herefordshire, assistant postmaster at Wolverhampton and head postmaster at Hitchin, Herts. He was a native of Calve, Wilts. He took a keen interest in the Golf Club, and was joint hon. secretary with Mr. H.P. CHIVERTON for a time and he was elected an hon. member as a mark of appreciation. He was also interested in bowls. His oldest son Capt. J.F. GADD died in India.

The funeral was conducted by the REV. L.N. St. ALPHONSE (Vicar) at Holy Trinity on Thursday. The mourners were Lieut. Col. And Mrs. A.J. GADD (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. M.G. MAYO (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. F.W. DAVIS (brother-in-law), and Lance-Bombardier J.W. MAYO (grandson), Mrs. GADD (widow) was unable to attend owing to her delicate health, and his youngest son, Paymaster-Lieut. F.E. GADD was prevented from attending by service abroad.

Among others present were Mr. H.P. CHIVERTON (hon secretary) and Mr. B. SEWARD (the Golf Club), Ald. and Mrs. WRIGHT, Mr. J.H. DOWN, Mr. A.E. WEEKS, Mr. H.C. AVERY, Mr. W.C. MATTHEWS, Mrs. L.N. St. ALPHONSE and the following members of the Post Office staff, Capt. A. GRIST, M.C.(head postmaster), Messrs. W.F. GAWN, W.R. GOUGH. E. FRY, H.J. BOUND, A.M. RICE, G.W. TRUCKLE, G.BLOW. F.W. LOWE, Miss A.E. WATT, and Miss WILLCOCKS, Mr. C.A. KING, (former overseer), and Mrs. E. FRY. Mr. P.J. MONK played TSCHAIKOVSKY'S Andante Cantabile and WILLEBY'S setting TENNYSON'S "Crossing the bar." The list of wreaths follow:

With happy memories of many years from his loving wife Ada; from Dorothy, Malcolm, Jimmy, and John; In loving memory, from George and Dora; from Mildred and Walter; from Fred and Billy; In loving memory of Grand-dad, from Margaret, John, Henry, and George; in loving memory from Edith, John and family; with sincerest sympathy, Kate; in fond remembrance, Fred and family; in affectionate memory from Elsie and Charlie DAVIS and family, Stonecastle, Greenhithe, Kent; in loving memory from Ethel; with deepest sympathy from the head postmaster and staff of the Ryde Post Office, who served under him; with sincere regret, from Ryde Golf Club; with loving sympathy from E.E. MORTON and M.L. TURNBULL; and in deepest sympathy, from Doris.

Mr. C. LANGDON was the undertaker.

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