

MARRIAGE: 10th Oct 1863 St. John's Church, Oakfield, Ryde, IW.  
Henry Edward Burton BROWN. Full/age. Widr. (father: James BROWN)  
& **Mary WOODS**. Full/age. Spinster. (father: Daniel WOODS)

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1871 CENSUS: RG10/1166. folio 15. page 28.  
Address: Sheridan, St. John's-road, Ryde, IW.

Henry BROWN. Head. Mar. 37. House Painter. St. Helens, IW.  
**Mary BROWN. Wife. Mar. 32. Midhurst, Sussex.**  
Arthur BROWN. Son. 12. Scholar. St. Helens, IW.  
James BROWN. Father. Mar. 74. Gardener. Brading, IW.  
Annie WOODS. Niece. 3. Havant, Hants.  
Janes BOOTH. Lodger. Widow. 77. Newport, IW.

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1891 CENSUS: RG12/890. folio 73. page 9.  
Address: 56 High-street, Ryde, IW.

Henry BROWN. Head. M. 57. House Decorator. St. John's, Ryde, IW.  
**Mary BROWN. Wife. M. 52. Stationer. Midhurst, Sussex.**  
Elizabeth HEPPLER. Assistant. S. 19. Stationer's Assistant. Hammersmith, London.

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1898 KELLY's DIRECTORY of Hampshire & Isle of Wight - page 446  
**BROWN Henry**, painter &c., 56 High-street, Ryde, IW.

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1901 CENSUS: RG13/1025. folio 51. page 2.  
Address: 56 High-street, Ryde, IW.

Henry BROWN. Head. M. 67. Stationer & Newsagent (own account at home). Ryde, IW.  
**Mary BROWN. Wife. M. 62. Midhurst, Sussex.**

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1910 KELLY's DIRECTORY of the Isle of Wight - pages 259 & 315  
**BROWN M.** (Mrs), 56 High-street, Ryde, IW.

1920 KELLY's DIRECTORY of Hampshire & Isle of Wight - page 718  
**BROWN Mary** (Mrs), news agent, 56 High-street, Ryde, IW.

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ISLE OF WIGHT TIMES Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1921 page 2

### **NEWSAGENTS DEATH Result of an accident**

We regret to record the death which occurred under sad circumstances on Tuesday, of Mrs **Mary BROWN**, 82 years of age, one of the oldest newsagents in Ryde, and who had carried on business for about forty years at 56 High-street adjoining St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. She was the widow of the late Mr. H. BROWN who pre-deceased her about five years ago and who in

addition to working as a painter was for a long time a verger at St. Mary's to which church both he and his wife belonged.

It appears that on Thursday last she had a fall through tripping over her dress or mat and was knocked against the sink cutting her head rather badly. Her spectacles were found in the sink. She was alone in the house at the time, but managed to crawl to the front door and was heard moaning by Mrs. GAVIN who rendered assistance and Dr. PRESTON was called. She apparently recovered and ate a good dinner on Sunday but in the afternoon she complained of a violent pain in the head. Dr. MACKENZIE was sent for in Dr. PRESTON'S absence and she was given treatment. She became worse was seized by an apopleptic stroke which proved fatal and she died at one o'clock mid-day Tuesday.

The acting Coroner (F.A. JOYCE Esq.) held an inquest on the body on Tuesday evening when deceased's niece, Mrs. HOWARD, identified the body and evidence to the above effect was given. Dr. MACKENZIE attributing death to hemorrhage of the brain accelerated by the accident. A verdict in accordance with the medical evidence was recorded. The funeral is fixed for Saturday at 11.30 a.m. at the Roman Catholic Church.

(Also in the IW OBSERVER Sat 4<sup>th</sup> June 1921)

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ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PRESS Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 1921 page 7

### FATAL FALL

On Tuesday evening the Deputy Coroner (F.A. JOYCE, Esq.) held an inquest, at St. Mary's School, concerning the death of **Mary BROWN**, a widow, aged 82, carrying on business as a newsagent at 56 High-street.

Esther HAMMOND of Battersea, niece of deceased, said she saw her aunt on Monday, when she was unconscious. Kate GAVIN, 37 Prince-street, said that on Thursday evening she was passing deceased's shop when she heard someone crying. She saw the deceased between the stairs and the shop with blood on her hands and head.

Dr. MACKENZIE said his partner, Dr. PRESTON dressed a deep cut on the left of deceased's forehead. She told him she tripped over her dress or the mat and fell forward, hitting her head on the sink. He dressed her head on Sunday morning, and deceased appeared all right. In the afternoon he was sent for as the deceased had vomited and had queer pains in her head. He found her unconscious, and evidently suffered from hemorrhage of the brain. She remained unconscious until her death, at 1 p.m. on Tuesday. The hemorrhage arose from the injuries caused by the fall.

The Coroner returned a verdict accordingly.

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ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PRESS Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 1921, front page

Death Notice:-

**BROWN** .. May 31, at 56 High-street, Ryde, **Mary**, widow of Henry Edward BROWN, aged 82.

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ISLE OF WIGHT TIMES Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 1921 page 3

### FUNERAL OF A NEWSAGENT

Amid every sign of respect, the funeral took place on Saturday of Mrs. **Mary BROWN**, late of 56 High-street, where she carried on business for so many years as a newsagent, and whose death as a result of a fall, we recorded in last week's issue. The deceased was 82 years of age and a

regular worshipper at St. Mary's R.C. Church adjoining. The obsequies were of a very impressive character, the coffin containing the remains being placed on a catafalque in the church surrounded by six tall candles. The altar was draped in black and a Requiem Mass was celebrated by Canon MONGAN, who attended by thurifer and acolytes pronounced the Absolution over the body. There was a good congregation present most of who accompanied the cortege to the Roman Catholic portion of the Cemetery where the last rites were performed by Canon MONGAN.

The mourners comprised Mr. D. WOODS of Southampton (brother) Mr. and Mrs. HAMMOND (nephew and niece) Mr. and Mrs. TARRANT, and Miss DUFFY.

There were some beautiful wreaths sent by Mr. WOODS, Mrs. HAMMOND, (Newcastle-on-Tyne), sister, Mr. and Mrs. FISH (sister), Mr. and Mrs. HAMMOND and Mr. and Mrs. TARRANT, Mr. MORRIS, Mr. and Mrs. REED, Mrs. WILSON and children, Mrs. DOBREE, and Miss FOSTER, Miss GREGORY, Miss DUFFY, Miss WILSON and Captain OGSTON. Mr. FAIRALL carried out the funeral arrangements.

(Also in the IW Observer Sat 11<sup>th</sup> June 1921)

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