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Address: Warwick-street, Ryde, IW.

Thomas J. GRIMSDICK. Head. Mar. 44. Life Assurance Agent. Epping, Essex.

Clara E. GRIMSDICK. Wife. Mar. 45. Ryde, IW.
Thomas R. GRIMSDICK. Son. 14. Apprentice. Ryde, IW.
Chas. A. GRIMSDICK. Son. 12. Scholar. Ryde, IW.
Sidney G. GRIMSDICK. Son. 10. Scholar. Ryde, IW.
Clara I. GRIMSDICK. Dau. 6. Scholar. Ryde, IW.
Susannah E. GRIMSDICK. Dau. 3. Scholar. Ryde, IW.
Edwin T. AUSTIN. Step-son. Unm. 20. Musician. Ryde, IW.

1898 KELLY's DIRECTORY of Hampshire & Isle of Wight - page 462
GRIMSDICK Thos. J. insurance agent, 30 Albert-street, Ryde, IW.

1910 KELLY's DIRECTORY of Isle of Wight - pages 290 & 317
GRIMSDICK Thomas J. insurance agent, 3 Poplar Villas, Well-street, Ryde, IW.

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DEATH OF MR. T. J. GRIMSDICK.

Another of the oldest and best known residents in Ryde has passed away in the Death of Mr. **Thomas Jones GRIMSDICK** which occurred at his residence 54 Well-street on Friday. He had attained the ripe age of 88 and was one of the first agents in the Isle of Wight for the Prudential Assurance Company, his agency starting from 1868. He held the agency for 52 years and only retired a few years ago. Born in Epping, Essex, He came to Ryde in 1865 and acted as butler to the late Mr. Thomas LEACH, of Seaford Lodge. In the following year he joined the old Isle of Wight Rifles (now Princess Beatrice's) and carried off first prize the same year. He was a loyal member of the Baptist Church, and was sidesman for many years in the old building in George-street. The late Mr. GRIMSDICK had lived in Well-street for 20 years and was a most genial and cheerful personality and until quite recently was to be seen about enjoying a chat with his friends of which he had a large circle. He was very fond of children and he will be much missed. Practically he died of old age and his faculties were keen to the last. He leaves a widow, a son. Mr. T. R. GRIMSDICK who was also agent for the Prudential, and two daughters. He took no part in politics but was greatly interested in local and church affairs, with which he was kept fully up-to-date and was fond of recalling his experiences and the many changes he had witnessed during his long life. The deacons and congregation of the Baptist Church heard of his death with sincere regret.

THE FUNERAL

With every mark of respect; the remains of the late Mr. Thomas J. GRIMSDICK were laid to rest on Tuesday afternoon. The first part of the funeral service was held at the George-street Baptist Church, the Rev, M. LISTER GAUNT (Pastor) officiating. The family mourners were: Mr. T. R. GRIMSDICK, son, Mr. A. J. BURDEN, son-in-law ; and Mr. W. A. BURDEN, grandson. Mr. W. JOHNSTON of Ryde represented the Prudential staff. Deacons of the church also present were: Mr. W.G. DAISH, J.P., and Messrs. F. BARTON, W. GOSDEN, A. DALLIMORE, G. DOWNER, and A. DUNSFORD.

The esteem in which Mr. GRIMSDICK was held during his activities in Ryde was

evidenced by the number of public mourners present both at the Church and the graveside. The Rev. GAUNT, spoke in the most appreciative terms of the faithful work the late Mr. GRIMSDICK had done in the Church. He was one of the oldest members of the Church and had rendered most valuable assistance during nearly 40 years connection with it. As one who used to assist him with the Baptismal service until his age prevented him, Mr. GRIMSDICK had always been a true and faithful member of the congregation.

Miss Connie FOWLER presided at the organ and rendered appropriate music including "the Dead March," in Saul, as the cortege left the Church. The old gentleman's favourite hymn, "Eternal Light," was sung during the service.

The interment took place at Ryde Cemetery, where Mr. GAUNT conducted the committal service. Mr. GRIMSDICK discharged many ex-officio duties during his long work for the Church and had served as sidesman for some years.

A number of beautiful floral tributes were placed on the grave and these were sent as follows: In affectionate remembrance from his loving wife and daughter Susie ; In lasting remembrance from Tom and Kate ; In ever loving memory of dear dad, from Clara and Jim ; From his loving sister Annie ; With loving sympathy and tender memory from Ross and Winnie (Norwich) ; In loving memory of dear Grandpa, from May, Minnie, Florence, Doris, and Owen ; In ever loving memory of our dear Grandpa, from Hilda, Wallace and Addie ; In loving memory of my dear uncle, from Edie (Northampton) ; In loving memory of uncle Tom, from all the Clapham and Mortlake; In deepest sympathy from Lottie and Will; In loving memory from Edie ; In affectionate remembrance from the Pastor and Deacons of Ryde Baptist Church ; To the memory and esteem of our old comrade, from the Ryde staff of the Prudential Assurance Co. ; Miss F. E. TURNER ; Mr. and Mrs. WHYATT and Edna ; Mrs. PANNELL |(Thorpe Bay); Mr. and Mrs. J. H. CORBETT and family ; Mr. and Mrs. NAIRNE ; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh R. NICHOLS ; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. PORTER ; Mr. TOOGOOD and family ; Harry and Rowland and Miss CORBETT ; Mrs. MUNDAY; Mr. and Mrs. BARRITT and family; Mr. and Mrs. DRUDGE (Dodnor), Miss Joan BENNINGTON; Mr. and Mrs. WORDSWORTH; Mrs. MOCKFORD.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. WHEELER Bros.

It is interesting to note that Mr. GRIMSDICK was born in Epping, Essex, 88 years ago. His grandfather was Church Clerk and Sexton to the Epping Church for over half a century.

Mr. GRIMSDICK and family wish to thank all friends for kind expressions of sympathy and for flowers sent.
