

MARRIAGE: 1st Oct 1894 at St. John's Church, Oakfield, Ryde, IW.
William GRIFFIN. 49. Bachelor. (father: Edward GRIFFIN)
& Frances KNAPP. 45. Spinster. (father: George KNAPP)

1901 CENSUS: RG13/1025. folio page 28.
Address: 7 Edward-street, Ryde, IW.

William GRIFFIN. Head. M. 56. Civil Servant Postman. Binstead, IW.
Frances GRIFFIN. Wife. M. 52. Ryde, IW.
Alice READ. Niece. S. 24. Layndress (Wash). Ryde, IW.
May READ. Niece. 3. Ryde, IW.

1898 KELLY's DIRECTORY of Hampshire & Isle of Wight page 391
GRIFFIN William, 7 Edward-street, Ryde, IW.

1910 KELLY's DIRECTORY of the Isle of Wight - pages 254 & 301
GRIFFIN William, 14 Edward-street (west side), Ryde, IW.

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Death Notice:-

GRIFFIN: On the 20th January, at 14 Edward-street, Ryde, the beloved husband of Frances GRIFFIN, aged 79 years, passed away peacefully after much suffering. Mrs. GRIFFIN wishes to thank all those who attended the funeral, also those who sent beautiful wreaths ; Drs PRIDMORE and EDWARDS and the nurses for their kind attention also the Mayor of Ryde and all friends for their letters of sympathy. She also wishes to thank the Vicar of Ryde and the Rev. COULSON for their frequent visits and ministrations.

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FUNERAL OF MR. W. GRIFFIN

The funeral took place on Friday of Bro. **William GRIFFIN**, one of the oldest brethren of the Court "Astræa," A.O.F., who was also a prominent member of the Clarence Lodge, R.O.A.B. It was largely attended by present and past comrades of the I.W. Rifles and officers and brethren of Clarence and Lions lodges of Buffaloes and Court Astræa, A.O.F. A service was held at the Primitive Church which was conducted by the Rev. S.S. COULSON. The hymns "Onward Christian Soldiers" and "Rock of Ages" were rendered, and after the first portion of the burial service had been read the minister delivered a touching address and tribute to the deceased. He said they were assembled that afternoon to pay their last respects to one who lived in their midst all his life and for whom they all had very great respect. In William GRIFFIN they had a man who no-one could dislike for he had such a happy disposition, was kindly in spirit and lovable towards all. He first met him as a stranger 4 ½ years ago, but he soon come to the conclusion he was a good man, and ever since then those first impressions had been confirmed.

Some of them remembered him as a postman and because of his fidelity and integrity, was appointed Inspector of Postmen in Ryde, and after 37 years service, retired on pension. He also served for 37 years in the old Volunteers and was respected by the officers and men alike. He was

looked up to as a model being always spick and span in his dress, and he took an exceedingly keen interest in his uniform.

After 33 years of retirement he was as keen as ever. Then their friend was a member of the R.O.A.B., an Order which was in harmony with his nature, and he was also one of the oldest brethren of the Court of Foresters. Brother GRIFFIN was likewise interested in politics and was a keen a Liberal as any man could be, one of his greatest regrets being that he was unable to give his vote at the last election though very anxious to do so. The rev. gentleman referred to the deceased's interest in sport and said that in every sphere of life in which he moved he was respected by everyone, and he never heard him speak an unkind word of anyone. In August last year he had a stroke which hastened his death, but during his visits to him in his illness, he never heard him utter a word of protest against the dispensations of God.

He commended the widow who with his relatives mourned his loss the comfort and consolation which the gospel of Jesus Christ, the son of God, and Saviour of man could alone give.

The "Dead March" was played by the organist (Mr. TOPP).

The principal mourners were the widow, Messrs. George and James GRIFFIN (nephews), and Edith and May GRIFFIN (nieces). Those taking part in the procession to the Cemetery were Major J. ELLERY, Major C.L. ELLERY, Capt. C. JACOBS, Sergt-Major W. BISHOP, and members of the Princes Beatrices I.W. Rifles, Capt. J.H. SOUL (Cadet Battalion), all in uniforms, Capt. JACOBS carried a laurel wreath, Sergt.-Major Dave PALMER (in the old Riflemen's uniform), the Post Office was represented by Messrs. F. PRESTON (Postmaster), L.BRIND (Superintendent), and A.J. BRETT (Inspector), and PARKER (indoor staff), brethren of the united R.A.O.B. lodges, Court Astræa, A.O.F. The Vicar (Rev. H. LE FLEMMING) also followed the remains together with old comrades and friends included. M.G.H. FRENCH (station master Southern Railway), RYALL, FRY, W. ABRAHM, A.L. AUSTIN, O'FLAHERTY etc.

The committal portion of the service was carried out by the Rev. S.S. COULSON and Bro. W.H. CARLEY gave the impressive funeral address of the R.A.O.B. at the graveside.

There was a large number of beautiful floral tokens including a wreath from Col. A.C.T. VEASEY (Commanding Officer), also from the officers and the N.C.O.'S and riflemen of the Princess Beatrice's I.W. Rifles and from "A" Coy, from old colleagues at the Post Office Court Islands Pride of the juvenile Foresters "In memory of their Senior Trustee" and from Court Astræa A.O.P., Buffaloes, etc.

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