

Joseph Edmund Rickard married Sarah Lake Duffett.

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'PLEASING WEDDING – On Sunday morning a very pretty little wedding took place at St. Thomas's Church, the contracting parties being Miss Sarah Lake Duffett, the second daughter of our well-known townsman, Mr J.G. Duffett, of the Lion Brewery, and Mr Edward Rickard, eldest son of Mr. Rickard, jeweller, of High Street. Although the ceremony took place at an early hour, and the proceedings were supposed to have been kept very secret, quite a large number of well-wishers and friends of the happy pair assembled at the Church. The bride, who looked very charming, was attired in a dress of fawn cloth trimmed with heliotrope. She was attended by two tiny bridesmaids, little Miss Lizzie Duffett (her sister) and Miss Marie Duffett<sup>1</sup> (her niece), who are, however, about the same age. They were dressed in crème Surah silk and hats to match, and carried baskets of lilacs. They also wore horse shoe brooches, the gift of the bridegroom. The bride was given away by her father, and the service was performed by the Rev. R. Hosgood, the curate in charge of St. Thomas's. The bride and bridegroom left late in the day for Weston-Super-Mare, amidst many congratulations and good wishes. The bride's presents numbered over 60, and were exceedingly handsome and valuable, showing the general respect and esteem in which she is held.'

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They had the following children;

1. Wilfred, born 20<sup>th</sup> May 1894 in Weston Super Mare, Somerset.
  2. Winifred Nellie, born 1900 in Taunton, Somerset.
  3. Kathleen May, born in 1902 at 9 High Street, Ryde.
  4. Leonard, born in 1904 at Victoria Street, Ryde.
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Joseph Edmund Rickard died in 1906 in Newfoundland, leaving his wife and four children. By 1911 Sarah had moved back to the Island and had put her two children in the London Orphanage for children of respectable families and whose father's had died.

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<sup>1</sup> Daughter of James George Duffett