

On the 1871 census it stated they were living at 8 William-street, Chelsea, London.

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1881 CENSUS: RG11/1185. folio 18. page 28.

Address: 8 Devonshire Terrace, Ventnor, IW.

**Charles FORBES. Head. Mar. 62. State Bombay Civil Service. Scotland.**

Mary FORBES. Wife. Mar. 47. Exeter, Devon.

Amaye PURSLEY. Serv. Unm. 31. Lady's Maid Domestic. Linchmere, Sussex.

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1891 CENSUS: RG12/891. folio 42. page 2.

Address: "The Castle", Esplanade, Ryde, IW.

**Charles FORBES. Head. M. 72. Barrister Solicitor. Scotland.**

Mary FORBES. Wife. M. 59. Exeter, Devonshire.

Sarah Ann MORRIS. Serv. Wid. 61. Cook Domestic Serv. Shorwell, IW.

Mary WOODMORE. Serv. S. 48. Ladysmaid Domestic Serv. Binstead, IW.

Emily JONES. Serv. S. 32. Parlourmaid Domestic Serv. Brading, IW.

Charlotte JONES. Serv. S. 22. Housemaid Domestic Serv. Brading, IW.

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ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December 1892 Page 5

### DEATH OF MR CHARLES FORBES

On Wednesday morning a painful sensation was created in Ryde by the news that an old and much respected inhabitant of the town, Mr **Charles FORBES**, of the Castle, had died suddenly at Sandown. The deceased gentleman had been staying in Sandown for some time, for the benefit of his wife's health. He complained a week ago of being "poorly," but came in to the Infirmary on Monday last. On Wednesday morning, we understand, he had endeavoured to rise from his bed, but, evidently feeling ill, had rung the bell and then fallen back. Assistance came, but nothing could be done. Heart disease is supposed (we are informed) to be the cause of death.

Flags were placed at half-mast at the R.V.Y. Club and the Conservative Club when the sad news reached the town. The poor of the town have lost in Mr FORBES one of their best friends, for no appeal for help for a case of real distress was ever made to him in vain. His charity was as unobtrusive as it was generous, but he liked to personally investigate the cases he assisted. A striking instance of his kindness has been reported to us. One of our local police constables was going to the station with two little urchins in his charge. Mr FORBES happened to meet them, and at once stopped to enquire what they had done to secure the attention of the police. When informed that they had been sleeping in an outhouse, the kind-hearted gentleman gave the constable a crown to get the children a good dinner at once, and afterwards exerted his influence on their behalf.

Mr FORBES took a warm interest in the Royal Isle of Wight Infirmary. He was one of the Life Governors of that charity, and a most active member of the committee, by whom he will be greatly missed, as he was a man of great sagacity and experience, having been formerly of the Bombay Civil Service. He was also a Bencher of Gray's Inn. The funeral will take place today (Saturday), at 2 p.m., at the Ryde Cemetery.

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ISLE OF WIGHT TIMES Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 1893 Page 5

Death Notice:-

**FORBES** .. On Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>, at The Oaks, Sandown, I.W. , suddenly, **Charles FORBES**, of The Castle, Ryde, Bencher of the Bombay Civil Service, aged 72 years.

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ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January 1893 Page 4

### **THE LATE MR. FORBES**

The funeral of the late Mr. **Charles FORBES**, whose sudden death we recorded in our last issue, took place in the Ryde Cemetery last Saturday. The deceased gentleman's dislike of ostentation was strikingly shown by the arrangements for the mournful ceremony, which (in accordance with his wishes) were carried out in a quiet style by Messrs. LANGDON. The body was enclosed in an unpolished oak coffin, with brass furniture. The funeral cortege started from Sandown at 1 o'clock, and on arrival at the Cemetery the coffin was taken into the chapel, where the first portion of the service was performed, the Rev. R. HOSGOOD officiating.

The respect which was universally entertained for the deceased gentleman was shown by the large attendance, which included Col CRADOCK, Major BERESFORD, Dr A. DAVEY, J.P., Col TATTNALL, Major HEWITT, Col A. CLARKE, Mr W.E. RATCLIFFE, Mr Mark HUNTER, J.P., Mr J.N. HATHWAY, Major Lowther CROFTON, Capt BOGER, R.N., Mr J. WORSLEY, Dr BUCK, Mr BAYLISS (House Surgeon at the Royal I.W. Infirmary and County Hospital), Dr WOODWARD, Mr DAISH (dental surgeon), Miss FITZPATRICK (matron), and the nurses of the Infirmary, Miss FRASER and ladies interested in the Ryde District Nursing. Major F. DASHWOOD, Capt ELLERY and Capts H. And C. SWEETMAN also showed their respect by attending the funeral of a gentleman who has been described "As one of the best men who ever went out to India, and one of the best men who ever came into Ryde."

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