

MARRIAGE: 31st March 1852 at St. Helens Church.
John DAISH. 20. Bachelor. (father: John DAISH)
& Jane JONES. 23. Spinster. (father: Daniel JONES)

1891 CENSUS: RG12/892. folio 20. page. 34.
Address: 38 Swanmore-road, Ryde, IW.

John M. DAISH. Head. M. 60. Rate Collector. Chale, IW.
Jane E. DAISH. Wife. M. 59. St. Helens, IW.
Charles F. DAISH. Son. 16. Scholar. Carisbrooke Castle, IW.

1901 CENSUS: RG13/1025. folio 106. page 6.
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John M. DAISH. Head. Wid. 69. Rate Collector. Chale, IW.
Chas. F. F. DAISH. son. S. 25. Assistant Rate Collector. Carisbrooke Castle, IW.
Serena TIPPETT. Serv. S. 50. Housekeeper Domestic. Padstow, Cornwall.

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Death Notice:-

DAISH .. Aug. 29th, at 38, Swanmore-road, Ryde, **John Matthews DAISH**, for many years a staff-sergt. in the I. W. Militia, aged 73.- The family wish to thank all those who have shown so much sympathy with them in their sad bereavement and for attendance at the funeral.

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DEATH AT RYDE OF MR. J. M. DAISH KNOCKED DOWN BY A CYCLIST.

Everyone in Ryde and very many in the Island generally will learn with regret that Mr. **J. M. DAISH** passed away on Monday, at the age of 73. Deceased was for many years a Sergt.- Major of the Isle of Wight Militia, and he rarely missed an inspection of his old corps. Indeed he is credited with attendance at over 50. He afterwards became sanitary inspector and subsequently one of the Ryde rate collectors. All that he undertook he did well and with unfailing courtesy and civility. He was a thoroughly trustworthy man in every respect. His health had not been good of late years and recently, on the re-arrangement of the rate collection he had been given lighter work in the Town Clerk's office. On August 4th he was knocked down by a bicycle in Pellhurst-road and had never recovered from the shock thus sustained.

On Wednesday, the Acting-Deputy Coroner (J. ELDRIDGE Esq.) held the inquest at the Primitive Methodist School, High-street.

Mr. F. ROGERS was foreman of the jury.

John Henry DAISH, Sun Place, painter's labourer, eldest son of the deceased, said he saw his father directly after the accident, when he was in a dazed condition and had evidently been much shaken. Witness asked him who did it and he said he could not say, as he was walking with the sun in his eyes and could not see. He added that if the cyclist had been going the same way there would have been an excuse for him. Deceased used to suffer from asthma. He had recently complained of his back. In 1879 he had an accident at Shoeburyness. During his illness he was partly conscious.

He went out once after the accident, but returned home and went to bed and had not been out since.

By the Foreman: The accident happened between 12 and 1 o'clock, after deceased had been to the Mayor's house.

The Coroner decided to call the doctor next, as he thought much would depend upon his evidence.

Dr. Lionel L. PRESTON said he was called to see deceased on the 4th of August, as he was passing the house between 1 and 2 o'clock. He found him more or less dazed, with a severe bruise on the left side of his skull. His clothing was dirty all up the left side. There were other bruises on the left thigh and leg and a slight one on the right leg. Deceased stated that he had been bleeding from the nose. All this could have been caused by deceased being knocked down by a bicycle. Witness sent him to bed immediately. He was told deceased was rendered unconscious by the fall. He gave strict orders for him to be kept quiet. Deceased went on very well and was allowed to get up after the expiration of five or six days. When it was very fine witness let him go for a short walk. He had seen him every day since the accident. He was afraid that asthma, from which deceased had suffered for many years, would be brought on by the shock to the system. He did have asthma two days after he went out. He gradually got worse and died on the 29th ult. During the last ten days of his illness the asthma practically disappeared and cerebral symptoms supervened. He became very dull and partially lost his speech. Witness had made a post mortem examination of the body. He found the brain and coverings much congested. The heart showed signs of fatty degeneration. The lungs, as he expected, were emphysematous. That had been going on for years. He was of opinion that death was due to meningitis. Before the accident deceased told him he was feeling much better than usual. Having regard to his age, he considered that the accident had a great effect on his nervous system. Asthma supervening with the concomitant cough and the strain of breathing he thought thus induced the cerebral condition. Did not think the cerebral condition would have occurred but for the accident.

Hiram SAUNDERS, gardener, 20 Player-street, deposed that he was in Pellhurst-road on August 4th, at about 10 o'clock, when he passed deceased on the right hand side of the road, opposite Mr. DIMMICK's gate. When about 40 yards away he heard a smash and looking round saw deceased on the ground. He helped pick him up and took him into a neighbouring house. A cyclist named BENNETT was also on the ground. Witness heard a bell ring but did not see the accident. When he saw deceased he was walking in the middle of the road.

Edmund HAYLES, gardener, Havenstreet, stated that on the day of the accident he was in the front garden of Wethersel Lodge, Pellhurst-road, when he heard a scuffling in the road and someone shouting. On looking over the gate he saw Mr. DAISH lying in the road and a young man named BENNETT picking up his bicycle. He helped SAUNDERS pick up deceased, who complained chiefly of his right shoulder. There were no vehicles in the road at the time. Deceased was almost in the centre of the road when picked up. The road was perfectly straight where the accident happened. It dropped from Partlands Avenue.

By Mr. WHITTINGTON: BENNETT stayed while deceased was taken into the house near.

Oliver MAITLAND, postman, Albert-street, said he was at the top of Ratcliffe-avenue on the 4th August when BENNETT passed him riding very fast. He could only see him about 10 yards as he turned the corner of the road. Could not say the rate at which he was travelling, but it was very fast. Witness walked as far as DIMMICK's gate, when he saw the previous witnesses leading the deceased. BENNETT was riding a free-wheel machine, like a racing machine- a low handled machine. He was not sitting up right, but leaning over- he must do so to catch hold of the handles.

By the Foreman: I consider the speed BENNETT was going was dangerous round corners.

By Mr. BENNETT: Did not tell BENNETT he would break his neck if he went at that pace.

P. S. WATSON stated that in the company of the Chief Constable he had that morning measured the distance from where the accident occurred to Ratcliffe-avenue, which was about 120 yards straight. The road was about 25 feet wide, in addition to a 5ft. footway. The entire length of the straight roadway was 300 yards.

Victor Henry BENNETT, florist's assistant, Pellhurst-road, who volunteered to give

evidence, was first cautioned in the usual way. He then said that on the 4th of August he was coming from Mrs. CECIL's at Beechwood. He came round the bend of the road at Ratcliffe-avenue and from there was free-wheeling until Mr. DAISH stepped in front of him. A man named STEWARD was there, but he could not attend that day, having to be at Ventnor. When he first saw deceased the latter was about 3 yds. from the kerb. As witness approached him he came more into the centre of the road. Just as he got to him he put his left foot into his front wheel and his shoulder hit him in the face. Witness came off the machine and was the first to lay hands on the deceased. Then SAUNDERS and HAYLES came up and deceased was taken into the house of some ladies. Witness's face was cut and bleeding and his knee and elbow were injured, so he went home and washed himself.

The Coroner: One of the witnesses says you were riding fast?- I was not, as I had not pedalled from the time I came round the corner. Was in the middle of the road as deceased came towards me.- Q. Did you sound your bell? – Yes, and it is a loud one. Deceased was walking along with his head toward the ground.- Q. Did you see him some distance before you got to him?- Yes. I was not bending over the handles, as , although the bars are rather low, I was taking hold of the top of them.

The Foreman said if the witness had free-wheeled from the corner he must have been going at a slow pace. How did he account for going into deceased with such force? It was a 25ft. road and he would have plenty of time to get pout of the way.

Witness said he was practically on the top of deceased before he was aware of it.

Mr. S. W. BARTON, another juror: If he was making for the centre of the road it was your duty to have given way.

Witness added, in reply to further questions, that there were two brakes on the machine, but he had no time to put them on.

The Foreman: Don't you consider it was your duty to get out of the pedestrian's way in a 25 ft. road? - Yes, but he put his foot in my machine.

The Coroner then summed up. He said if the death were the direct result of the accident, the cyclist BENNETT would be guilty of manslaughter. If the jury considered it was not absolutely due thereto they would have to take into consideration whether he was riding fast or carelessly and how much blame attached to him. There was independent evidence that he rang his bell. The jury had an opportunity of seeing the bicycle. He (the Coroner) should not call it a racer or a very low handle machine. There was very little evidence as to the rate BENNETT was travelling at, but it was an extraordinary thing that deceased would come across him in the way described in a 25ft. road. Having been a cyclist himself he knew that people did get in front of one in an extraordinary way. But if BENNETT had not been going rather fast he ought to have been able to swerve sufficiently to have avoided deceased. He did not think from the medical evidence that they could say death was the direct result of the accident.

In answer to the Foreman, Dr. PRESTON said apart from the accident and taking the deceased's general health into consideration, there was no reason why he should not have lived for some years. The Doctor told Mr. CARLING, a jurymen, that he did not consider the condition of the brain was due to the blow.

The jury deliberated some time in private and found that death was due to inflammation of the brain. They considered that BENNETT ought to be most severely censured for riding so fast and that if he had exercised more caution, the accident would not have happened.

The Coroner reprimanded BENNETT accordingly.

The Foreman expressed sympathy with the deceased's relatives, in which Mr. G. BENNETT, father of the cyclist, joined.

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The funeral took place at the Ryde Cemetery on Friday afternoon, the Rev. J. HENWOOD (Bible Christian) officiating. The Deputy-Mayor (Mr. F. W. RANDALL) and a number of townsmen representatives of Island Buffaloism, and others were present. The Union Jack acted as a pall and some of the Hants and I. W. Militia were present under Sergt.-Major GORDON. The only wreath was from the Ryde Lodge R. A. O. B.

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FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. J. M. DAISH

The funeral of the late Mr. **J. M. DAISH**, whose death through an unfortunate cycling accident was so much regretted, took place at the Cemetery, Ryde, last Friday. As the deceased had been for 26 years connected with the Hants and I.W. Militia at Sandown, in which he had attained the rank of Staff Sergt. Major, the coffin was covered with the Union Jack, and a number of Hants and I.W. Militia were present under Sergt.-Major GORDON, Company Sergt.-Majors HENDERSON, GIBBS, WATERHOUSE and CORREY acting as bearers. The other representatives of the military were Major ELLERY, Q. M.- Sergt.- AYLING (Sandown), C. S. M. HAWKINS (Ventnor), late C. S. M. STALEY (Brading), late C. S. M. HANCOCK and COOPER, and about a dozen gunners. In addition to the relatives there were also present the Deputy Mayor (Mr. F. W. RANDALL), Mr. C. H. COLLIS (Deputy Town Clerk), Mr. C. MATHEW (Borough Surveyor), Mr. J. T. HARVEY, the Rev. R. NUTT, etc. Thirty members of the Buffalo Order also followed the remains, including Primo OATES (Cowes) Sir Knight CARLEY and Knight ROGERS (Ryde), Primos STEWART, KEEN, BRADLEY, RUSSELL(2, MARTIN and ROGERS (Ryde), Primo MASON (Sandown), etc.

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THE LATE MR. J. M. DAISH

A wreath was sent to the funeral of the late Mr. J. M. DAISH by Lieut.- Col. W. H. G. GORDON and officers of the Hants and I. W. Royal Garrison Artillery.
