

MARRIAGE: 16th June 1867 at St. Thomas's Church, Ryde, IW.
Edward HOOPER. 23. Bachelor. (father: Mark HOOPER)
& Jane Ellen WINTER. 17. Spinster. (father: Henry WINTER)

1878 WHITE's DIRECTORY of Hampshire & Isle of Wight - page 478
HOOPER Edwd. fish, game, poultry and ice dlr. 11 and 12 Pier-street, Ryde, IW.

1891 CENSUS: RG12/890. folio 53. page 16.
Address: 9 & 10 Pier-street, Ryde, IW.

Edward HOOPER. Head. M. 47. Fishmonger. London Borough.

Jane E. HOOPER. Wife. M. 40. Ryde, IW.
Edward M. H. HOOPER. Son. S. 22. Fishmonger. Ryde, IW.
Mary A. HOOPER. Dau. 12. Scholar. Ryde, IW.
Ann HOOPER. Mother. Wid. 81. Living on own means. Yorkshire.
Elizabeth GOMEN. Serv. S. 26. Book Keeper. Berkhampton, Hants.
Lilly L. MOTH. Serv. S. 18. General Servant Dom. Ryde, IW.
Bessie REEVES. Serv. S. 18. General Servant Dom. Ryde, IW.

1901 CENSUS: RG13/1024. folios 15/16. pages 22/23.
Address: 54 Union-street, Ryde, IW.

Edward M. H. HOOPER. Head. M. 32. Hotel Proprietor (employer). Ryde, IW.
Edith Mary HOOPER. Wife. M. 27. Ryde, IW.
Edward HOOPER. Father. M. 57. Living on means. Ryde, IW.
Jane Ellen HOOPER. Mother. M. 50. Ryde, IW.
Mark G. W. HOOPER. Brother. S. 24. Bank Clerk. Ryde, IW.
Mary Ann HOOPER. Sister. S. 22. Ryde, IW.
James Wm. LANE. Visitor. M. 54. Clergyman Church of England Rector. Cork, Ireland.
Amy E. GLOVER. Manageress. Wid. 37. Hotel Manageress. Portsmouth, Hants.
(*Plus 7 servants*)

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PRESS Saturday 2nd October 1909

Death Notice:-

HOOPER .. Sept. 26, at Grantham House, Ryde, **Edward**, aged 66.-- The family of the late Mr. Edward Hooper desire to return thanks for inquiries, sympathy, and flowers.

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 2nd October 1909

DEATH OF MR. E. HOOPER

A good many people in Ryde will have heard with regret of the death of Mr. **Edward HOOPER**, of Grantham House, Monkton Street, which occurred on Sunday night, as the result of injuries sustained through a fall on the previous Wednesday. On that evening he had reached his house, and had walked up the steps leading to the front door, when he missed his footing and fell,

striking a large vase on the pedestal with his head with such violence that the vase was knocked to the ground and smashed, and his head cut open. He lay for two hours before he was found. He was taken into the house and medical aid summoned. But he passed away on the Sunday evening without having regained consciousness. Mr. HOOPER was one of the oldest Ryde tradesmen. Many years ago he was the Proprietor of the business in Pier Street, which bears his name, and retired about fifteen years ago. He served on the Town Council for three years, but with that exception he did not take any great part in public affairs. He was an extremely kind-hearted man, to whom very few appeals were made in vain, and very many people in Ryde will miss him.

THE INQUEST

The inquest was held at deceased's residence on Wednesday morning before Mr. F.A. JOYCE. Councillor J.I. BARTON was elected foreman of the jury.

Mr. E.R. RATCLIFFE (solicitor) was present representing the family of the late Mr. HOOPER.

Miss Marion HOOPER, daughter of deceased, gave evidence of identification. His age last birthday was 66. About 12.20a.m., on Thursday she was awakened by Mr. HOLT, who rang the bell, and told her her father was lying at the bottom of the stone steps. Mr. HOLT and two others brought deceased into the house. She saw his head was cut, but she did not think at the time it was anything very serious. Dr. TURNER was telephoned for and came at once. Her father went out in the afternoon about 4 o'clock, and she did not see him again. He did not regain consciousness and died on Sunday night.

George WALLS, porter, living at Beulah Cottage, Monkton Street, said at 10.45 on Wednesday night, he was going home and saw the deceased in Castle Street, apparently on his way home. He thought deceased was not well, and helped him home. He saw deceased walk up the steps and into the porch. A few minutes after he looked through the gate and asked deceased if he was all right and he replied "yes."

Edgar AUSTIN, manager Queen's Hotel, Monkton Street, said he was going through Monkton Street about 12.15 with two friends, Mr. HOLT and Mr. JOURNET. As he passed Grantham House, he heard a noise as of someone breathing heavily. He opened the gate and saw Mr. HOOPER lying on his back, his head being on the stone path, and his legs up the steps. Witness saw blood under his head. With the assistance of his friends witness moved him into an easier position, and rang the bell. Afterwards they carried him into the house and sat him in a chair. A large vase from the pedestal was lying smashed on the ground. Dr. TURNER said at 12.45 a.m., on Thursday he was called by telephone, and he got to the house at one. Deceased was lying on the bed in his clothes. He showed symptoms of concussion of the brain and he had a small wound on the back of his head. There was no evidence of fracture. On the Thursday and up to Friday morning he had seemed to be better but then he began to get worse and had a series of convulsions. Witness trephined over that particular part of the brain which was injured and found very extensive injuries and saw that he could do nothing. Deceased died on Sunday evening. Witness made a *post mortem* examination of the head and found there was a very extensive fracture of the skull. There was not much doubt that the small wound was caused by the sharp handle of the vase. The fracture was to the front of the wound and was caused by the force of shock. One of the chief blood vessels of the brain had been severed and consequently the haemorrhage was very severe and could not be controlled. There was no possibility of recovery. The extent of the injury to the brain was extraordinary, considering the small distance deceased fell. Deceased was a heavy man and the steps were very steep.

The jury returned a verdict of "accidental death."

The foreman said the jury wished to express their sympathy with the family of the late Mr. HOOPER in their bereavement. He was a gentleman well known and respected in the town and all those present knew what a kind hearted and generous man he always was.

The Coroner concurred in the expression of sympathy.

Mr. Ratcliffe said he would convey their remarks to the family.

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 9th October 1909

THE LATE MR. E. HOOPER

.....The funeral of the late Mr. Edward. **HOOPER** took place at the Cemetery on Thursday last, the Rev. COUSENS officiating. The mourners were Messrs. H. and C. HOOPER, Mr. DANCASTER and Mr. E.R. RATCLIFFE, Mr. H. JOLLIFFE was unable to attend.

There were also a great many friends present, including Messrs. John I. BARTON, J. LOWE, H. and C. SWEETMAN, C. TRITTON, H. P. CHIVERTON, P. T. CHIVERTON, J. JOHNCOX, ARMSTRONG, T. HERRING, A. NEWMAN, C. LOADER and others.

The coffin was of polished oak with massive brass fittings, and the name-plate bore the following inscription: "Edward HOOPER died Sept 26th, 1909, aged 66 years."

There were a large number of floral tributes from the following: "Harry and Eddie," "Poppy," "George and Auntie Annie," Mr. and Mrs. DANCASTER, Mr. H. Arthur DANCASTER and Miss MABEL DANCASTER, Mr. and Mrs. H. JOLLIFFE, Mr. JOHN I. BARTON, Mr. and Mrs. HERRING, Mrs. TAYLOR Mrs. COOMBES and family, Mr. J. LOWE, Mr. and Mrs. PADMORE, Miss E. CHIVERTON, Mr. Charles B. TRITTON, Mr. and Mrs. J.V. BLAKE, Mr. William NEWMAN and family, Mr. J.C. ARMSTRONG, Mr. and Mrs. G. WILLS, Mr. W. PARLETT and Mr. H.P. CHIVERTON, Mr. and Mrs C. LOADER and Mr. and Mrs Henry WILLS, and Mr. E.R. RATCLIFFE.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. COOMBES.

ISLE OF WIGHT TIMES Thursday 7th October 1909

THE LATE MR. HOOPER.

The funeral of Mr E. **HOOPER**, of Grantham House, Monkton Street, took place on Thursday afternoon, the service being conducted at the cemetery by the Rev. R.R. COUSENS.

The mourners included the deceased's two sons, Mr. F. DONCASTER and Mr. E.R. RATCLIFFE.

Among those present were Messrs. J. LOWE, H. SWEETMAN, J. I. BARTON, J. B. PURNELL, C. B. TRITTON, J. E. BREBNER, Major C. SWEETMAN, P. CHEVERTON, A. PAGE, F. FARRAND, R. PADMORE, F. N. BRODERICK, J. JACKSON, T. HERRING, J. JOHNCOX, H. PERKINS, W. PRITCHARD, F. WRIGHT, G. BEAZLEY, etc. There was a large number of beautiful floral tributes.
