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Abode: 18 Colenutts-road, Ryde, IW.

Rosa DASH. Head. Wid. 45. Dressmaker. Walberton, Sussex.  
Helen DASH. Dau. 16. Nursemaid. Ryde, IW.  
Edith DASH. Dau. 14. Scholar. Ryde, IW.  
Oliver DASH. Son. 12. Scholar. Ryde, IW.  
**Alfred DASH. Son. 9. Scholar. Ryde, IW.**

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#### A RYDE BAKER FOUND GASSED –

The body of **Alfred John DAISH**, single, aged 52, who had been residing with his sister at 9 Weeks-road, Ryde, was found in his employer's bakehouse in Arthur-street on Tuesday morning with a gas-ring close by. The deceased was well known in the town, being a prominent member of the local Court of Foresters. On the previous evening he attended a committee meeting of the Court, when he appeared in his normal health and spirits. At the inquest on Wednesday there was no evidence to indicate any reason for taking his own life.

The Acting Deputy Coroner (W. H. P. F. THIRKELL, Esq.) conducted the inquest, which was held in the High-street Methodist School. Insp. H. ROGERS represented the Police.

Harry William TAYLOR, master baker, of 107 Arthur-street, Ryde, deposed that deceased had been in his employ for four years. About two years ago he suffered a nervous breakdown, and for the last two weeks witness had observed that he was more nervous than usual. On Monday he did his work as usual and appeared in normal health. He left work at 6 o'clock. At about 11 o'clock that night witness went to the bakehouse and found that the gas had been used. Not having a shilling handy he did not bother to light up. There was no one there at that time and witness left without locking the door. At about 7.45 next morning witness again visited the bakehouse and on entering saw on a bench by the oven what he thought was a pile of old coats. On examining them he found deceased underneath with a gas-ring close to his face. There was a strong smell of gas, which was escaping from the ring. There was also a quantity of gas in the meter. Witness turned the gas off and tried to rouse deceased, but being unable to do so sent for a doctor. So far as he knew deceased was a sober, good tempered man. DAISH collected money on his behalf and as far as he knew his accounts were in order up to Saturday.

Margaret Elizabeth DAISH, deceased's sister, with whom he lived, said she had noticed nothing unusual in her brother's condition. Nervousness was a family complaint and he had recently suffered from a cold. She last saw him about 7.15 on Monday evening, when he left to attend a committee meeting of the local Court of Foresters. He was in good spirits at the time and called out a cheery "Goodbye" to her. He did not

come home and she sat up all night waiting for him. In the morning the secretary of the Foresters was passing her house and she inquired of him concerning her brother, and was informed that he left the meeting at about 8.45 on the previous evening. Her brother had never given her any cause to think that he might take his life. He was always reserved in his manner.

Dr. Thomas SIM stated that he was called to the bakehouse in Arthur-street at 7.55 a.m. and saw deceased lying dead on the bench, death had taken place several hours previously, the cause being coal-gas poisoning.

P.C. SWANN said he removed the body to the mortuary. He found no evidence which would throw any light upon the matter. Witness had since pursued every line of inquiry with the same result. He found that deceased attended the meeting of Foresters, was very interested in the proceedings, and brought forward several proposals. Everyone present agreed that he was the same cheery soul and left the meeting the same as he entered it.

The Coroner returned the verdict that deceased committed suicide, but that there was no evidence to show the state of his mind at the time.

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NB: It has been noted that although the newspaper report spelt the surname as DAISH, the official records that have been searched were spelt DASH.