

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PRESS Saturday 12th Nov 1898

**DEATH OF THE VOLUNTEER
BATTALION BANDMASTER**

After an illness extending over some months Battalion Bandmaster **G. HATFIELD** of the I.W. Volunteers died on Tuesday morning. Deceased who joined the Island corps in 1893, was for 20 years in the 60th Regiment, to which his father belonged before him. From that corps he went as bandmaster to the West Yorkshire Regiment, in which he served till he came to the Wight. He was a quiet gentlemanly officer who had done good service in all the corps with which he had been connected. He was present, although then unwell, at the annual inspection. He leaves a widow and two children.

The funeral will take place, with military honours, at the Ryde Cemetery on Sunday afternoon. This day is selected to enable members of the Volunteers who could not possibly attend on other days to be present and pay a last tribute of respect to an esteemed comrade, and without the slightest wish to act in any antagonism to the local clergy, who object to Sunday funerals. The Rev. Clement SMITH, Chaplain to the Volunteers will officiate. We understand that Col. FETHERSTONHAUGH has expressed his intention to be present.

National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills & Administrations)

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HATFIELD George of Harrow Cottage Spencer-road Ryde Isle of Wight pensioned-bandmaster died 8 November 1898 Probate Winchester 21 November to Marion Hatfield widow. Effects £258.18s.

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