

MARRIAGE: 3rd Nov 1859 St. John the Baptist Church, Niton, IW.
Edward MEARS. Full/age. Bachelor. (father: George MEARS)
& **Mary ELDRIDGE**. Full/age. Spinster. (father: John ELDRIDGE)

1878 WHITE's DIRECTORY of Hampshire & Isle of Wight - page 480
MEARS Edward, baker, 61 Monkton-street, Ryde, IW.

1881 CENSUS: RG11/1179. folio 79. page 11.
Address: Monkton-street, Ryde, IW.

Edward MEARS. Head. Mar. 53. Baker 1 Man. Newport, IW.
Mary MEARS. Wife. Mar. 46. Shorwell, IW.
George MEARS. Son. Unm. 20. Baker. Ryde, IW.
Catherine MEARS. Dau. Unm. 18. Milliner. Ryde, IW.
Annie MEARS. Dau. 14. Scholar. Ryde, IW.
Ethel MEARS. Dau. 7. Scholar. Ryde, IW.

1901 CENSUS: RG13/1024. folio 25. page 1.
Address: 8 John-street, Ryde, IW.

Mary MEARS. Head. Wid. 66. Living on own means. Shorwell, IW.
Ethel MEARS. Dau. S. 27. Ryde, IW.

1910 KELLY's DIRECTORY of the Isle of Wight - pages 262 & 305
MEARS Mrs. 8 John-street, Ryde, IW.

1920 KELLY's DIRECTORY of Hampshire & Isle of Wight - page 716
MEARS Mrs. 8 John-street, Ryde, IW.

ISLE OF WIGHT TIMES Thursday 22nd October 1925

**DEATH OF MRS. MEARS
ONE OF THE OLDEST RESIDENTS OF RYDE**

One of the oldest residents of Ryde, and with many local family associations, passed peacefully away on Saturday, in the death of Mrs. **Mary MEARS**, widow of the late Mr. Edward MEARS, and mother of Alderman G. E. MEARS, J.P., C.C., of "Inglewood," Dover-street. She reached the great age of 91 in June last. Her late husband, who for many years carried on the business of baker and confectioner in High street, predeceased her 35 years ago and she had since resided with her daughter, Mrs. COMDEN, at 8 John-street, where she breathed her last. The deceased lady had a large family and her death is greatly deplored, not only by the relatives but by a large circle of friends. She was a member, in fact the oldest member of St. James's congregation where the funeral service was held on Tuesday prior to the interment at the Cemetery. There was a considerable number present. The Rev. G. C. RUBIE, the Incumbent, officiated, and the lesson was read by the Rev. G. Palmer LEWIS, of the Congregational Church, where Alderman MEARS is deacon. The mourners comprised Alderman G. E. and Mrs. MEARS (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. WRIGHT (Croydon), Mr. and Mrs. Edward SOUTER (Wootton Bridge) daughters

and sons-in-law, and Mrs. COMDEN (daughter). Others present included Alderman G. A. BLACKALL, Alderman C. J. and Mrs. de LAUNAY, Mr. H. G. JOLLIFFE, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. GRACE, Mr. Claude E. SMITH, Mr. J. H. BICHENO and many other friends. The deceased lady was buried by the side of her late husband and the service at the graveside was performed by the Rev. G. C. RUBIE.

Wreaths were sent by the following: Alderman and Mrs. MEARS, Mr. and Mrs. WRIGHT (Croydon), Mr. and Mrs. SOUTER, the Misses WRIGHT (grand-daughters), Mr. and Mrs. WRIGHT (London), Mrs. COMDEN and Son, Harold, Mr. and Mrs. MEARS (Mitcham, Surrey), Pat and Terry (great-grandsons), Mr. and Mrs. de LAUNAY (Wimbledon), Basil and Desmond (great-grandsons), Harold and Marion SOUTER (Binstead), great grand-children; also from Mr. and Mrs. J. T. GRACE, Mrs. HAYLES, Mr. and Mrs. GIBSON, Mr. and Mrs. W. ABRAHAM, Mrs. SEARLE, and Mrs. VANNER, Mrs. JONES and Mr. H. J. BICHENO.

The funeral arrangements were entrusted to Mr. Chas. LANGDON.

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