

1871 CENSUS: RG10/1218. folio 48. page 40.  
Address: Waltham Chase, Shidfield, Hants.

Edmund KNIGHT. Head. Mar. 52. Farmer 11 Acres. Titchfield, Hants.  
Maria KNIGHT. Wife. Mar. 48. Droxford, Hants.  
William KNIGHT. Son. Un. 24. Carter. Droxford, Hants.  
Rose KNIGHT. Dau. 15. Scholar. Droxford, Hants.  
**Philis KNIGHT. Dau. 12. Scholar. Droxford, Hants.**  
Martha KNIGHT. Dau. 9. Scholar. Droxford, Hants.  
Julia KNIGHT. Dau. 3. Droxford, Hants.

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MARRIAGE: Sept ¼ 1886 (General Registrars ref: Droxford Reg Dist.Vol 2c. Page 223)  
John Henry VENUS & **Phillis KNIGHT**

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1891 CENSUS: RG12/890. folio 15. page 23.  
Address: Colen Ash, Binstead, IW.

John VENUS. Head. M. 31. Carpenter & Joiner. Langton, Dorset  
**Phyllis VENUS. Wife. M. 32. Waltham, Hants.**  
Ethel M. VENUS. Dau. 4. Binstead, IW.  
Violet VENUS. Dau. 2. Binstead, IW.  
Julia CARPENTER. Visitor. M. 23. Waltham, Hants.  
Annie CARPENTER. Visitor. 1. Ryde, IW.

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1898 KELLY's DIRECTORY of Hampshire & Isle of Wight - page 500  
**VENUS** John Henry, undertaker & cemetery keeper, Binstead

1910 KELLY's DIRECTORY of the Isle of Wight - page 23  
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ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PRESS Saturday 20th Aug 1949

### **DEATH OF MRS. P. VENUS**

The death of Mrs. **Phyllis VENUS** at St. Leonards, Binstead Hill, on Saturday, removes one of the oldest and most highly respected residents. She was the widow of Mr. J. H. VENUS, who died 25 years ago and for many years conducted the builders' business, since managed by his son. Mrs. VENUS had reached the advanced age of 90. She was able to take walks until shortly before her death. She was born in Shedfield, Hants, and came here to live 65 years ago. She had vivid memories of the village in Victorian days, including her associations with the late Dame Minnie COCHRANE (lady-in-waiting to the late Royal Governor, H.R.H. Princess Beatrice), whose home was at Quarr and who many years ago organised efforts for the building of the drill hall. Mrs. VENUS, until her age prevented it, took an active interest in the Parish Church, where her husband was churchwarden and sidesman respectively, and her daughters and daughter-in-law (Mrs. H. VENUS) have been Sunday-school and church workers for many years. She was the oldest member of the branch of the Conservative Association. She had been devotedly cared for by her two daughters, Mrs. E. M. JOLLIFFE and Mrs. V. SIVELL.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, Canon C. HEALD (rector) conducting a service at the house. The mourners were Messrs. E. and H. VENUS (sons), Mesdames JOLLIFFE, SIVELL, and D. KEMP-BAILEY (daughters), the Misses M. VENUS and J. KEMP-BAILEY and Mr. J. VENUS (grandchildren), Mesdames E. and H. VENUS (daughters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. A. MILLER, Mr. and Mrs. H. CARPENTER, and Mesdames VECK and TITHERIDGE (nephews and nieces), Mr. and Mrs. A. SMETHURST, and Miss M. BICK. The interment was at the cemetery beside her husband.

Others attending were Mrs. J. DYER, Mrs. REYNOLDS, Mrs. PERKINS, Mr. W. JOLLIFFE, Mrs. T. E. GIBSON, and Miss HALL.

The floral tributes included one from the staff of Messrs. E. VENUS and the staff of the International Stores, Ryde, of which Mr. H. VENUS is manager.

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Researched by  
Ann Barrett