1881 CENSUS: RG11/1178. folio 19. page 32. Address: Fishbourne Farmhouse, Binstead, IW.

Stephen SAUNDERS. Head. Mar. 74. Farmer 117 Acres Empl 2 labs & 1 boy. Carisbrooke, IW.

Ann SAUNDERS. Wife. Mar. 71. Arreton, IW.

Annie YOUNG. Dau. Widow. 47. Lodging House Keeper.

1901 CENSUS: RG13/1023. folio 19. page 30. Address: House, Kite Hill, Binstead, IW.

Ann SAUNDERS. Head. Widow. 91. Arreton, IW.

Ann YOUNG. Dau. Widow. 66. Lodging House Keeper. Binstead, IW. Annie THORNE. Visitor. S. 22. (Assistant Keeper). Binstead, IW.

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 6th May 1911

CENTENARIAN'S DEATH

An Island Centenarian passed away on Saturday in the person of Mrs. **Ann SAUNDERS**. The deceased was something of a celebrity by the reason of the fact that H.R.H. Princess Henry of Battenberg took a good deal of interest in the old lady, and when she celebrated her 101st birthday in September H.R.H. sent her a brooch set with emeralds and rubies together with a kind letter of congratulation.

Mrs. SAUNDERS lived at Wootton with her eldest daughter aged eighty, and her descendants number five living daughters, fourteen grandchildren, thirty great-grandchildren, and nine great-great-grandchildren. She and her daughter have both been in receipt of an old age pension since the passing of the Act.

Mrs. SAUNDERS was a very remarkable woman, because despite her years, she took a lively interest in all that was going on, and to the last was able to get about. She was able to read without the aid of glasses and her needlework is said to have been wonderfully fine. Her memory never failed her, but though she was full of reminiscences of the past, they were not always happy ones, and she was fond of saying that the present times were best for everyone, and particularly for the poor.

The remains of the old lady were interred in Binstead Cemetery on Wednesday.

Researched by Ann Barrett