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Abode: Infirmary Lodge, Swanmore-road, Ryde, IW.

George DASH. Head. M. 63. Sub. Med. Dispenser. London.
Emily DASH. Wife. M. 60. Ryde, IW.
Lily DASH. Dau. S. 24. draper's Assistant. Ryde, IW.

1901 CENSUS: RG13/1024. folio 67. page 45.
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George DASH. Head. M. 72. Hall Porter Infirmary. Strand, London.
Emily DASH. Wife. M. 70. Ryde, IW.
Charles YOUNG. Lodger. S. 19. Porter. Ryde, IW.

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DASH George, 72 Swanmore-road, Ryde, IW.

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DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS

DASH – G.J. died at Virginia, Carisbrooke, late of the Royal Isle of Wight County Hospital, Ryde, in his 100th year.

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OLDEST ODDFELLOW –

Almost a centenarian has passed away in the death of one who was so well-known at Ryde, especially by the older generation and those connected with the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows, namely Bro. George Joseph DASH who died at Carisbrook on Friday and who would have been 100 years old in June next, having spent so many years of his life at Ryde where he was engaged at the County Hospital he might be truly termed one of Ryde's "grand old men". Though not a native he came as a boy of 12 travelling by coach from London to Portsmouth.

He joined the Navy and served on old wooden "Rodney" but was invalided out with varicose veins and then became porter at the I.W. County Hospital where he was employed as Head Porter for the long period of 70 years, half of which time he acted as dispenser and won the respect and esteem of the committee, doctors and staff as was evidenced by the acknowledgment which was made of his services when he retired five years ago, The deceased was a familiar figure in Ryde and not so long ago paid a visit

to some old friends when he seemed in wonderful health as he strutted jauntily along Union-street. He lived with one of his daughters a Mrs. HARTLAND at Carisbrook and was thoroughly well cared for and made comfortable in his old age. The late Bro. DASH was probably the oldest Oddfellow in the Island being Past Prov. Grand Master and for many years Lecture Master and trustee of the East Medina Lodge at Ryde. He was also an excellent tenor vocalist and was at one time in much request at Oddfellows concerts and convivial gatherings.

The remains were brought to Ryde Cemetery for interment and were deposited in the grave by the side of his deceased wife. The funeral was largely attended by officers and brethren of the East Medina Lodge of Oddfellows and others. The chief mourners were Mrs. HARTLAND (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. SMITH and Mrs. LOCKHART (daughters and son in law). There were also present Mrs. BLAIR O.COCHRANE (chairman) Bro. W.H.P.F. THIRKELL J.P., Mr. A.S.GORDON (sec) representing the committee of the County Hospital, with Mrs. WILLIAMSON (matron) and representatives of the nursing staff, also the following Oddfellows Prov. G.M.G H.DUNFORD, P.G.M. Dave D.PALMER, P.P.G.M.'s JARVIS and HOLLAND, D.P.G.M. A.S.KINGSWELL (Ventnor), Prov. C.S.J.B. ALDERSLADE, and P,G, WHISTON (Newport) P.P.G.M. ATTRILL (Sandown) P.G.'s J.BROOKES, F.RIGBY, and C.J.GREGORY P.G.M's A.WHEELER, G.COX, J.W.BRETT, C.J.DALLIMORE, and SNOW, Bros. E.JOLLIFFE (second oldest member of the Lodge) W.H.LONG, A.C.STICKLEY, SUTTON, FAIRALL, WHITTINGTON, etc with Bro. J.B.JOLLIFFE (secretary). The service was impressively performed by the Vicar of Carisbrook. The coffin bore the inscription "George Joseph DASH" died Dec 29th 1923 in his 100th year.

Some beautiful floral tributes were placed in the grave, sent by his daughters and grandchildren and the following "In memory of a most trustworthy and devoted servant" from the Committee and Medical Staff of I.W. County Hospital; from the Porters and Domestic staff of the Hospital; from the medical Officer of the Hospital 1882 (Dr. KENDALL) "In affectionate remembrance from the East Medina Lodge of Oddfellows" Mr. DAMP of Newport was the undertaker.
