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Abode: The Strand, Ryde, IW.

Thomas DASHWOOD. Head. M. 72. Gent Retired Builder. Whippingham, IW.

Elizabeth DASHWOOD. Wife. M. 72. Shorwell, IW.

Henry DASHWOOD. Son. M. 39. Timber Merchant. Ryde, IW.

Martha WOODNUTT. Serv. Unm. 21. Servant. Ryde, IW.

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#### SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. THOMAS DASHWOOD –

This old inhabitant of Ryde died suddenly at his residence, Dover-cottage, Strand, on Saturday last, aged 72 years. The deceased had for a long time suffered from a heart disease, so that his friends had been led to expect that his end, whenever it came, would be sudden. Mr. DASHWOOD was a native of Whippingham, and he came into Ryde nearly half-a-century ago to seek his fortune; and being, in his younger days, possessed of a strong constitution and extraordinary perseverance, added to a good judgment, he succeeded to an extent which, at the commencement of his career, he would never have anticipated. In days gone by, he had often narrated to us, with great satisfaction, anecdotes of his struggles to establish himself; and what would have been, to less determined men, insurmountable difficulties arising from insufficient capital and materials. We will give one instance, which he liked to tell, as an example to young men who now-a-days think more of short-pipes, bagatelle, and other follies, than of trying to raise themselves in the world; one November night, just after dark, and soon after he started, he got a job to do, but had no timber to use; nothing daunted, he walked off amidst wind and rain to his father's house at Whippingham, seven miles distant, where he got the timber, and working all night, finished his work. Then, lashing the work (weighing more than a cwt) to his shoulders, he walked back to Ryde, and arrived just before daylight. Such a feat would break the hearts of the rising generation. Mr. DASHWOOD, however, came to Ryde at a lucky time just as it was springing from a village to a town; and as it grew, so he grew. There are many monuments existing to his skill as a builder; such as Brigstocke-terrace, the Market-house and Town Hall, St Thomas's and Trinity churches, Ryde, St Clare, St Catherine's lighthouse, Andover church, and other public and private buildings too numerous to mention. We should imagine that the deceased was the most wealthy tradesman our town has yet produced; and he was one of the Commissioners from 1829 till about a year and a half ago, when he resigned from ill health.

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