

1891 CENSUS: RG12/891. folio 8. page 9.  
Abode: 21 St. John's-road, Ryde, IW.

Frederick E. FEBEN. Head. M. 37. Sculptor. Ryde, IW.  
Emily J. FEBEN. Wife. M. 27. St. Helens, IW.  
**Marian FEBEN. Dau. 5. St. Helens, IW.**  
Stanley O. FEBEN. Son. 3. St. Helens, IW.

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1901 CENSUS: RG13/1025. folio 81. page 18.  
Abode: Ercombe House, St. John's-road, Ryde, IW.

Frederick E. FEBEN. Head. M. 47. Stone & Marble Monumental Mason. Ryde, IW.  
Emily J. FEBEN. Wife. M. 46. St. Helens, IW.  
**Marian FEBEN. Dau. S. 15. Ryde, IW.**  
Stanley O. FEBEN. Son. S. 13. Ryde, IW.  
Elizabeth M. STAINER. Niece. 8 months. Binstead, IW.

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### DEATH OF MISS MARIAN FEBEN

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Miss **Marian FEBEN**, L.R.A.M., A.T.C.L., at her residence, St. James's House, St. James's-street, on Wednesday. Miss FEBEN, who was 51 years of age, succumbed to a very painful illness of about a year's duration which she had borne with stoical patience. Her passing means a very great loss to musical circles of the Island. Few gave more voluntary service than the deceased, and she had a very large number of friends. For some years she was principal of a kindergarten school. Later she founded the Ryde School of Music from which choirs and an operatic society developed. Under her able direction, many concerts and operatic performances were given in aid of local charities. As a teacher many of her pupils were successful at musical festivals; her work in connection with the Island Musical Festival was a tribute to her enthusiasm for the advancement of music. The adjudicators praised her skill with the baton and her zealous activities in support of the festival. Latterly she had filled the position of choir conductor and organist of the Garfield-road Methodist Church where the first part of the funeral service will be held on Monday. Miss FEBEN leaves an aged father with whom the deepest sympathy is felt in his irreparable loss.

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**FUNERAL OF MISS M. FEBEN, L.R.A.M., AT RYDE**

The funeral of Miss **Marian FEBEN**, of St. James's House, took place on Monday afternoon, the first part of the service being held in the Garfield-road Methodist Church, where for several years she has been the organist and choir conductor. The Rev. G. A. HILLYAR-RUSS, of Walton-on-Thames, a former superintendent of the circuit, officiated, assisted by the Rev. A. TRIGGS. Mr. H. J. BOUND was at the organ and the choir stalls were filled by the choir, the School of Music Choral Society, and the 1<sup>st</sup> Ryde Rangers, to which organisations the deceased lady had given devoted service. As the remains were brought into the church the organist played "How blest are they" (Bach) and "Vision, in D flat" (Rheinberger). The Rev. G. A. HILLYAR-RUSS said those present, representing many institutions, regarded Miss FEBEN as a sweet and talented lady, one of the principal musicians in the community, who had laboured on through the years against hardship and difficulties, never seemed once daunted and seldom, if ever, complained. She had a constant and increasing faith in the things which they believed mattered most and an ever increasing desire to lift the level of Church Psalmody and to improve music generally. Three of her outstanding characteristics were her increased conviction, her sustained fidelity, and her sweet demeanour. It was almost impossible to realise that she had gone from them and for her aged father it was a matter of real sorrow. Her life seemed incomplete for she died with so much music in her heart, which was one of the evidences of her immortality. She lived a life of good works, often under distressing circumstances and gave her services freely everywhere. The hymns "The King of love, my Shepherd is," and "Abide with me" were sung, and as the coffin was borne from the church the organist played Handel's "Largo." The chief mourners were Mr. S. O. FEBEN (brother), Mr. Oscar FEBEN (uncle), Mrs. G. MEW, Mrs. A. PHILLIPS, Mrs. APSEY, Mrs. A. SMITH, and Mr. D. O. HOGG (cousins), Mr. S. FEBEN (nephew), Mr. S. HOGG (uncle), Mrs. G. WARD, Mr. H. R. NICHOLLS, Mr. R. VIGAR, Mr. H. COLLYER, Mr. Percy WOODS, Mrs. S. HOGG, Mrs. VIGAR, and Mrs. NICHOLLS. Among others present were the Rev. A. C. DURHAM (rural dean), the Rev. E. S. WILLIAMSON (High-street Methodist Church), Messrs. J. R. FARNWORTH, T. S. MELLANBY, A. BLACKBURN, F. MILLER, C. J. SPRINGER (hon secretary), C. G. CRAWLEY (Shanklin), and O. SNOW, and Miss A. SPRINGER (I.W. Musical Festival Committee), Messrs. W. R. TAYLOR, J.P., J. R. DIXON, H. H. CRUMP, C. B. and D. HAIR, A. NORRIS, Oliver JAMES, C. A. KING, W. R. PINCHARD, W. SHAWYER, G. CAWSE, BARTON, R. E. YOUNG, D. MACVINISH, W. L. REED, BARBER, J. H. PERKIS, and H. J. BOYCE, Mrs. A. J. WILLIAMS (Deputy-Mayoress representing the Mayoress), Madame Maud SANTLEY, Mrs. HARTNALL, Mrs. NICHOLLS, Mrs. E. W. POLLARD, Miss SCOVELL, Mrs. GLOVER, Mr. and Mrs. TAYLOR (Yorkshire), Mrs. PRITTY, Miss ROSE, Miss M. BURGESS, Miss FEAST, Mrs. G. F. MEW, senior, Mrs. H. NICHOLLS, Mrs. WEEKS, Mrs. NICHOLLS, Mrs. VIGAR, Mrs. APSEY, Mrs. HOGG, Mrs. WHEELER, Mrs. YOUNG, Miss WOLFE (the Post Office Glee Party), Mrs. CASEY, Mrs. GARDNER, Mrs. J. B. COOMBES (representing Mr. J. B. COOMBES), Mrs. B. HOLBROOK, Mrs. H. J. BOUND, Mrs. COLLYER, Miss HENRY, Miss N. CARLEY, Miss

TURNER, Mrs. A. HAPGOOD, Mrs. FARMER, Mrs. E. C. GOBLE, Mrs. WAY, Mrs. HOBBS, Mrs. P. WOOD, Miss MORTON, and Mrs. WARD (the Townswomen's Guild), Miss F. PICKWORTH, Mrs. E. WILTSHIRE, Mrs. GAWN (representing Mr. W. F. GAWN, T.C.), Mrs. H. JERVIS, Mrs. CHARITY, Miss ROGERS, Mrs. R. SMITH, Miss BETTINSON, Mrs. KENWARD, Mrs. EARWICKER, Miss PARSONS, Mrs. LOVELL, Mrs. A. FULLER, Mrs. R. SHEPPARD, Miss E. P. WHITE, Nurse RAYNER, Mrs. STARKE, Miss M. COLLYER, Miss TURNBULL, Mrs. F. and Mrs. R. LAKE, Mrs. WOODS, Mrs. HUTCHINSON, Miss THOMPSON, Mrs. LOCKE, Mrs. and Miss E. DRIVER, Mrs. HAIRE, Mrs. C. LIFE, Mr. and Mrs. LEAL, Mrs. P. RUSSELL, Mrs. WILLIAMSON, senior, Mrs. LANGFORD, Mrs. PAYTON, Mrs. PRENTICE, Miss YOUNG, Mrs. BARRETT, Mrs. PHILLIPS, Miss DURHAM, and the Misses TOZER. The interment was at the Cemetery and the large collection of choice flowers included tributes from the School of Music Choral Society, the Garfield-road Methodist Choir, the I.W. Musical Festival Committee, the Ryde Townswomen's Guild, the High-street Methodist Church, the Ryde Operatic Society, Lyndfield Choir, High Park School, Post Office Glee Party, the Ryde branch of the National British Women's Total Abstinence Union, and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Ryde Rangers.

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