

**MARRIAGE:**

1868 at the Register Office or Non-Conformist Church (IW Registrars ref: RO15/59)

**George ELDRIDGE & Mary H. REED.**

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Abode: 15 Belvedere-street, Ryde, IW.

**George ELDRIDGE. Head. M. 56. Plasterer. Ryde, IW.**

Mary A. ELDRIDGE. Wife. M. 56. Ryde, IW.

Harry G. ELDRIDGE. Son. S. 30. Photographer. Ryde, IW.

Bessie M. ELDRIDGE. Dau. Ryde, IW.

Jane REED. Grandmother. 78. Wid. Godshill, IW.

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ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PRESS Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> 1914, page 8.

**FATAL RESULT OF A FALL**

At the County Hospital, Ryde, last night, Major B. P. WILTON (Acting Coroner) held an inquest on the body of George ELDRIDGE, 69 years of age, a plasterer, in the employ of Mr. C. LANGDON, on whose behalf Mr. J. FARDELL watched the proceedings. –Edward CHESSLE, a labourer, said that he and deceased went on the morning of the 23<sup>rd</sup> ult. To repair the roof of Westwood, Argyle-street. Finding their ladder too short they lashed another, which they found on the premises, to it. Witness noticed that the latter was defective and advised deceased not to ascend it. He did so, however, with the result that the ladder broke and collapsed, deceased falling to the ground and fracturing his right leg. He was removed to the Hospital, where he died on Wednesday. –Dr. Peter WARD, house surgeon, attributed death to septic pneumonia, following upon the accident. –The Coroner characterised the deceased's conduct as foolhardy. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony, and exonerated deceased's employer from all blame. –Mr. FARDELL voiced his client's deep regret at the loss of an old and faithful employee, and his sympathy with the widow and relatives. –Mr. Frederick HOLT, foreman of the jury, also expressed sympathy with the bereaved.

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**THE FUNERAL**

.....of the late Mr. **George ELDRIDGE**, whose death as the result of an accident was recorded last week, took place at the Cemetery on Saturday afternoon, when a large

gathering of mourners and sympathisers attended, including a detachment of the N.E. Ryde District of the National Reserve, of which deceased was a member, under Major J. ELLERY. The mourners were Messrs. Harry and Arthur ELDRIDGE (sons), Mr. John ELDRIDGE (brother), Mr. REED (brother-in-law), Mr. F. ELDRIDGE (nephew), The Rev George L. DAVEY, some 25 fellow employees, and Messrs. C. A. and P. LANGDON. Mrs. DAVEY's carriage followed. Floral tributes were sent by his sorrowing wife and children; brother John and Emma. niece and nephew Floss and Fred; sister Nellie and family; sister Louie and nieces; Willie and Lizzie REED (Croydon); "In memory of and old friend and a blameless life, Mrs Alexander DAVEY and the Rev. G. L. DAVEY, 9 Belvedere-street"; Mrs. L. H. and Miss HORNDERN (Chart Lodge, Weybridge); Mr. and Mrs. BANKS (Sheringham); Jack and Kitty (Yorkshire); Dot, George and family; Herbert and Lily BATSTONE (Shanklin); Sarah and Richard FOWLER; his niece and nephew, Fanny and Tom; Mr. and Mrs. SUTTON; Mr. and Mrs. COOPER and family; Mrs. and Miss RUSSELL; "With greatest sympathy from the members of the Ryde Conservative and Unionist Workmen's Club"; F. and J. BARTLEY; and E. W. -Mrs. ELDRIDGE and family wish to return thanks for sympathy shown them in their trouble and for flowers sent, and to thank the matron and nurses at the Royal I.W. County Hospital for their kindness to Mr. ELDRIDGE.

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Researched by Ann and Les Barrett