

MARRIAGE:

1886 at the Register Office or Non-Conformist Church (IW Registrars ref: RO31/73)

Walter BEVIS & **Anna M. PHILLIPS**

1891 CENSUS: RG12/8891. folio 73. page 23.

Abode: 13 Cemetery-street, Ryde, IW.

Walter BEVES. Head. M. 27. Plumber. Ryde, IW.

Maria BEVES. Wife. M. 27. Brading, IW.

Walter T. BEVES. Son. 4. Ryde, IW.

Maud BEVES. Dau. 2. Ryde, IW.

1901 CENSUS: RG13/1025. folio 66. page 32.

Abode: 14 Prince-street, Ryde, IW.

Walter BEVIS. Head. M. 37. Plumber. Ryde, IW.

Marian BEVIS. Wife. M. 36. St Helens, IW.

Thomas BEVIS. Son. 14. Chemist's Errand Boy. Ryde, IW.

Maude BEVIS. Dau. 12. Scholar. Ryde, IW.

May BEVIS. Dau. 7. Scholar. Ryde, IW.

Harold BEVIS. Son. 3. Ryde, IW.

James BEVIS. Son. 1. Ryde, IW.

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DEATH AT A FUNERAL
Mother dies of a broken heart

A sad and tragically sudden death of a well-known resident of Ryde occurred at the Cemetery on Saturday afternoon which caused a painful sensation throughout the town. Mrs. **A. M. BEVIS** wife of S. W. BEVIS, painter, of 14 George-street, was attending the funeral of her second son, Harold Emanuel, aged 26, whose death followed upon considerable suffering as the result of his being gassed during the war. His death grievously affected her and though she must have gone through terrible anguish, she bore up bravely during the funeral service at Holy Trinity Church, also at the graveside until the grave closed upon her loved one and she fell back with the words "Oh my son," her husband being at her side. At first it was thought the poor woman had merely fainted and with the greatest care she was conveyed to the cemetery lodge and Mr. Bonner at once went for Dr. FIRMIN-EDWARDS who on his arrival pronounced life extinct. The body was afterwards brought home. The greatest sympathy was expressed in the family's sad bereavement especially with the husband who suffered loss of a son and wife at the same time. As Mrs. BEVIS had not been medically attended the facts

were placed before the Coroner by Insp. HAWKINS and it was deemed to hold an inquest, following a post mortem examination. This was held at the house on Tuesday morning by the Acting-Coroner (F. A. JOYCE, Esq.), who sat without a jury.

Samuel Walter BEVIS, painter and decorator "Clydesdale", 14 George-street, identified the body as that of his wife Anna Maria BEVIS, who was 59 last birthday. On Saturday afternoon about 2.30 he was attending the funeral of his son at the Cemetery and whilst they proceeded to the graveside his wife held his arm. As the coffin was lowered into the grave she was still by his side and directly after the committal and when the earth was thrown on the coffin she fell back, exclaiming "Oh my son" and died immediately from a broken heart. His deceased son had been ill for a considerable time and his wife had looked after him but apart from her natural anxiety she had been in fairly good health. Twelve months ago she was run down and Dr. HORSBURGH attended her. Since then the same doctor had been attending their son and he saw deceased once or twice a week but did not do so professionally or for any particular complaint.

Edwin E. TAYLOR, undertaker, Clydevilla, St. John's-road, said he was conducting the funeral and saw Mrs. BEVIS collapse. She died apparently at once.

The Coroner: Did she seem in her usual health before?

Witness: When she got out of the carriage she fell rather heavily against me and seemed to be overcome with grief, otherwise she seemed in good health.

The Coroner: The service at the grave was not unduly prolonged?

Witness: No, because there was a service at the church previously.

The Coroner said he asked the questions because in such cold weather as they were having, he thought the service at the grave should be cut down to as fine a point as possible.

Dr. I. FIRMIN-EDWARDS stated he was asked by a friend of the family, Mr. BONNER, to come and he took him to the Cemetery. When he arrived just a minute or two after 3 p.m. Deceased was lying on a table in the lodge, and the lady was warm, she having apparently just died. He examined her and pronounced life extinct. As he had never attended her during her life he returned and rang up Dr. HORSBURGH who was out, and the body was subsequently removed home. Witness made a post mortem on Monday and found the general state of the body to be healthy but on examination on the heart he discovered some filtration and a certain amount of degeneration but not excessive. He could find no other malady and the brain and other organs were normal. He attributed death to syncope from fatty degeneration of the heart accelerated by emotional strain through the grief over the death of her son.

In answer to the Coroner, witness said that the degree of degeneration was not marked and had it not been for the strain through grief she might have lived for practically a long time.

The Coroner said it was satisfactory to have the cause of death cleared up and he should record a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence.

Mr. TAYLOR thanked the Coroner for his kind words, also Dr. FIRMIN-EDWARDS for coming on the scene so quickly, and everyone who assisted at the Cemetery, especially the Rev. Noel STUBBS.

The Funeral of Mrs. BEVIS

With simple ceremony but with evidence of heartfelt and sincere grief, the mortal remains of the late Mrs. BEVIS who died under such tragic circumstances in the cemetery on the previous Saturday—were laid to rest near the body of her deceased son on Tuesday afternoon. The Vicar of Holy Trinity impressively carried out the Burial Service the mourners comprising Mr. S. W. BEVIS (husband), Messrs. Tom and Jim BEVIS (sons), Messrs. CLARKE and MUSKETT (sons-in-law), Messrs. John and Tom PHILLIPS (brothers), Mr. Wm. CHANDLER (nephew), Mr. BONNER and Dick GRACE. There were some beautiful floral tokens from the following:

From her sorrowing husband, broken hearted children, sons-in-law and little Gordie and Hazel; “O Lord I come with my dear son” –“Her children shall rise up and call her blessed”; Sisters Dorcas and Chottie; In remembrance from Dick; Mr. and Mrs. BONNER; Love’s offering, love’s reward; In deepest sympathy and respect from Mr. and Miss HILLIER; In deepest sympathy and respect from Mrs. E. HARVEY; Brother Tom and family; Uncle William BARTLETT and Family; Everlasting memory from Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAMS: Doris and Percy (Christchurch); With deepest respect from Mr. and Mrs JOHNSON; In remembrance from Mrs. E. HOWELL.

Mrs. Wm. CLARKE, of “Sandakan”, Quarry-road wishes to thank on behalf of her Father, Mr. Walter BEVIS, and family, her heartfelt thanks in the double bereavement that has befallen them, especially Mr. Evelyn TAYLOR, Mr. BONNER, Mr. Dick GRACE, Dr. EDWARDS, the Rev. STUBBS and the Lodge people.
