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Abode: St. Boniface, Lyford-road, Wandsworth, Surrey.

Robert B. WATTS. Head. M. 47. Clerk Life Insurance. Hammersmith.

**Sophie E. WATTS. Wife. M. 36. Waterloo, Cheshire.**

Eliza PORTER. Serv. S. 22. Cook Domestic. Thurlby, Lincolnshire.

Annie E. BENNETT. Serv. S. 17. Housemaid Domestic. Norfolk.

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### THE LATE MRS. R. B. WATTS

Mrs. **Sophia Edith WATTS**, who as announced briefly in our last issue, died at her home Woodstock, Pellhurst-road on Friday week, had been a much esteemed resident since shortly after the first world war. Her association with the Island, however, went back much farther than that. As a child she lived at Bonchurch and was a member of the JOHNSON family, who were prominent residents there, and in the early part of the century she also lived at Wroxall. She was the widow of Mr. R. B. WATTS, a retired official of the former Provident and Life County Fire Office, who died in 1936. Mr. WATTS was for many years hon. secretary of the Ryde Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club. Mrs. WATTS who was in her 94<sup>th</sup> year, took the deepest interest in All Saints' Church, where she had worshipped only a fortnight before her death. She was a generous member of the congregation and had for over 30 years placed her lovely garden at Woodstock at the church's disposal for the annual summer fete. Although partly crippled she was remarkably alert and active, and only a few days before her death had been playing the piano. In local musical circles she was formerly very prominent as a talented pianist, and she organised several concerts in aid of local charities, in which she herself took part, frequently as an orchestral pianist. Her other big interest was her garden and flowers, in which she delighted. The funeral took place at All Saints' Church on Tuesday and was attended by a large congregation. The Archdeacon (the Ven. A. CORY) officiated and the Vicar (the Rev. R. H. BASSETT) and the Rev. H. M. WILDE, M.B.E., M.C., also took part. The hymns were "Our day of praise is done" and "Peace, perfect peace" and Psalm 23 was chanted. Mr. W. L. REED (organist) played "O rest in the Lord" after the service. The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. Desmond LUCAS (nephew and niece), Mr. K. PRICE (niece also representing Mr. Arnold WATTS, nephew), Mr. and Mrs. L. LONGLEY (nephew and niece), Mr. and Mrs. Charles DURKIN (cousins also representing Mrs. PLEDGER, Mrs. CHALK, and the Misses HUDSON, cousins), and Miss E. SKIDMORE and Messrs. Henry and George HARRIS (staff). The Parochial Church Council and the National Provincial Bank were represented. The interment was in her husband's grave at Ryde Cemetery. There were many wreaths and sprays of flowers were also sent to the Royal I.W. County Hospital. Messrs. WHEELER Bros. made the arrangements.

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NB: It was noted that all official records list her name as **Sophia Edith**, although she was sometimes known as Edith Sophia.

