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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.

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PRESS Saturday Dec 19th 1936.

DEATH OF MR. R. B. WATTS

With great regret we record the death of Mr. **Robert Balls WATTS**, at his residence, Woodstock, Pellhurst-road, on Sunday, after a long illness. Mr. WATTS, who had been in indifferent health for five or six years, was in his 84th year. After retiring from his position as a department manager of the Provident Life Assurance Company on its amalgamation with the Alliance Assurance Company Mr. WATTS went to reside at Wroxall, but in 1918 he came to Ryde. During his residence here the Parish Church has had no more devoted worker or generous supporter than he. One of his last acts whilst lying seriously ill, was to hand a cheque for £100 to the Rev. W. N. MARTIN, as a parting gift on his resignation of the living. Mr. WATTS was the first hon. secretary of the Parochial Church Council, represented the East Wight Deanery, of which he was the financial secretary, on the Diocesan Board of Finance, and was a member of the diocesan conference. His amiable disposition, Christian character, and many virtues, won him the high esteem of those who knew him. By his passing the Parish Church has suffered a very real loss. Mr. WATTS was very fond of sports and for 50 years was a member of the M.C.C. For some years he was hon. secretary of the Ryde Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, and in recent years was an active member of the croquet tournament committee. Deep sympathy is felt with his widow in her heavy bereavement. The funeral was on Thursday, the first part of the service being held at the Parish Church. Canon WEEKES (rector of Brading and Rural Dean of East Wight) officiated, assisted by the Rev. E. J. FORSE. The senior choir were present with Mr. E. G. WELSH at the organ. The 23rd Psalm was chanted and the hymns "Peace, perfect peace" and "Abide with me" were sung. As the cortege left the church the Nunc Dimittis was chanted. The principal mourners were Mr. and Miss WATTS (nephew and niece), Mrs. PRICE (niece), Mr. and Mrs. JOHNSON (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mr. B. G. and Mr. C. M. DUNKIN (cousins), Mrs., Mr. F., and Mr. Hugh BAMFORD, Mrs. FISHER, the Misses MORGAN, Miss E. SKIDMORE, Miss G. ALLEN, Mrs. ANSELL, and Mr. HARRIS (staff). Among others present were Messrs. R. J. WELCH and C. A. KING (church wardens), Major H. du BUISSON, Col. L. G. STAYNER, Major C. W. VINCENT, Dr. J. D. DAVIES, Dr. and Mrs. T. SIM, Mr. and Mrs. G. YOUNG, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. BOYD, Mr. and Mrs. RENWICK, Mr. and Mrs. CROW,

Mrs. JOHNSTONE, Miss ALEXANDER, Mrs. MACKENZIE, Mrs. UPCOTT-GILL, Mrs. JOLLIFFE, Mrs. KENNEDY, Mrs. HALL, Miss HUDSON, Mrs. BOWDEN (sister-in-law) and Mrs. HORNCastle (niece), Mrs. PRESTON-COOKE, Miss CARTER (also representing Mrs. CARTER), Miss HITCHCOCK, Miss JACK, Miss NUTT, the Misses COLYER, Miss MEARES, Miss HILLYER, Messrs. E. P. MARVIN, E. C. LOADER, T.C., D. WHEELER, E. W. H. THIRKELL, G. WHITE, C. A. LOCKE, and T. W. KEMP. The interment was at the Cemetery, and there was a large collection of floral tributes. Messrs. PURNELL and PURNELL were the undertakers.

Researched by Ann and Les Barrett