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Address: 68 West-street, Ryde, IW

**James G. GUNN. Head. Mar. 46. Tailor empl 2men, Town Councillor, Member local School Board.
Kelvedon, Essex.**

Sarah GUNN. Wife. Mar. 46. North Wales.

William H. STEPHENS. Nephew. Unm. 17. Tailor's Assistant. North Wales.

Elizabeth RUSSELL. Servant. 15. Domestic Servant. Ryde, Hants.

Ann F. SANDFORD. Lodger. Wid. 55. Officer's Widow. London.

Charles H. SANDFORD. Visitor. Unm. 27. Lieutenant 1st Foot. Cape of Good Hope.

THE ISLE OF WIGHT TIMES Thursday January 15th 1880.

Death Announcement –

GUNN James Golden .. On the 9th inst., at West-street. Ryde, after a long and painful illness, Mr. Jas. Golden Gunn. The deceased was highly and deservedly respected by all who knew him.

ISLE OF WIGHT TIMES Thursday 15th January 1880

By the death of Mr **James Golden GUNN**, which occurred on Friday last, Ryde has lost another of its most useful public men, the Town Council an independent upright and able member, The Finance Committee of that body an indefatigable chairman, and the School Board a gentleman who always brought to bear on its discussions a large amount of practical knowledge, and discharged his duties with thorough conscientiousness and a laudable regard for the feelings of others, ---qualities, which were highly esteemed by his colleagues, while they added to the dignity and authority of the deliberations of the Board. Mr. GUNN had been connected with various public bodies in the town for many years, during which time he rendered services to the ratepayers which will cause his name to be remembered with affection and respect. His loss is deeply regretted and will be greatly felt by those with whom he was associated in the carrying out of numerous undertakings which have conduced to the prosperity of the borough and the social elevation of his fellow townsmen. In private life he exhibited traits which endeared him alike to his relatives and a large body of friends.

As a dissenter he was thoroughly consistent and zealous in his furtherance of the interests and objects of the Nonconformists, whilst his piety and earnestness in the cause of Christianity were universally recognised, and constituted an example worthy of emulation, by his contemporaries. His decease combined with that of Mr. WOODS, will create a void not so easily supplied. Mr .GUNN was elected a member of Ryde Commissioners in November, 1860, and served on the Board until the following March, 1863, and being re-elected in 1866 he remained a commissioner until 1868, when Ryde was incorporated into the municipal borough. He was then chosen to represent the ratepayers in the Town Council, in which capacity he served the town until the year 1872, when he left the Council together with all his colleagues, except Ald. HARRINGTON and Mr. Thomas WHITE. He was out of office for two years, but was again returned to the Council in 1874, and continued a member of the Corporation until November last, when his term of office having expired, he refrained from offering himself for re-election, through his long and severe illness from which he did not anticipate a recovery. Since November, 1877, he had filled the important post of Chairman of the Finance Committee. Mr. GUNN nine years ago, when the first election of the School Board took place, obtained a seat at the Board and was from that time an honoured and eminently useful member. He took an absorbing interest in the progress and diffusion of education, and by his exertions and influence contributed in no slight degree to the excellent position which Ryde occupies in the reports of Her Majesty's Inspector of Schools. Mr. GUNN was a faithful representative of the ratepayers, and a true friend to the children.

OBITUARY

(This was a listing for the previous year)

We had to mourn during the first week, the loss of Mr. **J. G. GUNN**, an upright citizen and a good man, and the respect and esteem in which he was held were shown by the number of mourners who attended his funeral.

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