1841 CENSUS: HO107/406/9. folio 8. page 10.

Address: Belvedere-road, Ryde, IW.

Nathanel ASHFORD. 59. Town Beadle (Yes)

Sophia ASHFORD. 56. (Yes) Sophia ASHFORD. 12. (Yes)

DEATH: 1847 Ryde (Registrars ref: R4/E141)

Sophia ASHFORD. Age 60.

1851 CENSUS: HO107/1664. folio 49. page 29.

Address: Belvedere-street, Ryde, IW.

Nathaniel ASHFORDE. Head. Mar. 69. Beadle & Hall Keeper. Buckland, Hants.

Hannah ASHFORDE, Wife, Mar. 48, Whippingham, Hants.

Emma R. RADDON. Step-Dau. 14. Newchurch, Hants.

Rebecca HARRIS. Servant. Unm. 21. Servant. Newchurch, Hants.

Mary ASHFORDE. Widow. 97. Stubbington, Hants.

DEATH: 1854/55 Ryde (Registrars ref: R7/E418)

Mary ASHFORD age 100.

MARRIAGE: 30 Sept 1848 at Holy Trinity Church, Ryde

Nathaniel ASHFORD. Full/age. Widower. (father: George ASHFORD)

& Hannah RADDON. Full/age. Widow. (father: Joseph PERKIS).

1861 CENSUS: RG9/658. folio 3. page 1.

Address: Richmond House, Belvedere-street, Ryde, IW.

Nathaniel ASHFORD. Head. Mar. 78. Market Keeper. Portsmouth, Hants.

Hannah ASHFORD. Wife. Mar. 58. Lodging House Keeper. Isle of Wight.

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 13th March 1866.

DEATH OF AN OLD INHABITANT

Our obituary this day records the death of Mr. **Nathaniel ASHFORD**, for many years in the employ of the Ryde Commissioners, which body at a recent meeting agreed to allow him a superanuation, but he had only lived five years to enjoy it. The deceased was universally known in the town and was highly respected, and has now gone down in his grave at a ripe old age.

ISLE OF WIGHT TIMES Thursday 21st March 1866.

THE OLD TOWN BEADLE

Mr. Nathaniel ASHFORD, well-known to every individual in the town, and who was formerly Beadle under the old Board of Commissioners, has been gathered to his Father's at the ripe age of 84. All who were boys at the period when the deceased flourished in all the glory of "Bumbledom", will not readily forget his imposing figure or the terrors in which he was held. 25 years ago ASHFORD was the only paid constable in the place and it is not therefore surprising that a vast amount of importance was attached to his office, which was abolished on the passing of the Town Act of 1854. Since then poor ASHFORD has not been the same man, and although appointed to market-keeper, never appeared to like his situation; but as the Board could never make up their minds to discharge him, the old gentleman was allowed to do pretty much as he liked. Upon the whole he was a harmless man, and even in his palmy days never exercised his power over juveniles with undue severity.

Researched by Ann Barrett