Ann SMITH born 7 April 1805 Bapt. 5 May 1805 Northwood Parents James SMITH and Ann Married William STEWARD 19 Feb 1824 Brading His parents were William STEWARD and Elizabeth nee BEVIS Children: Elizabeth b 1824 Jane b 1826 William Harryb 1828 Mary Anne b 1829

James b 1831 Elizabeth b 1833 Louisa b 1835

William STEWARD was a Trinity House Pilot, he was lost on the cutter Hope, Ann was awarded a pension for her and her children by Trinity House

"The Hope pilot-vessel, of this port, Steward, owner, left her moorings off Ryde, on Tuesday se'ennight, at 4, a.m. and was seen near the Owers Light, in a distressed state, on the same day, with her sails blown to ribbons; and it is greatly feared she id lost, as she has not been heard of since. There were three persons on board, viz, Mr. Steward's two sons, and a man named Saunders, all of Ryde "

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A public subscription was also established

A general meeting was held in Ryde Free School, on Monday, the 19th ultimo, and again by adjournment, on the 24th, to take into consideration the situation of the families of the unfortunate crew who were lost in the late hurricane on 29th November last, in the Hope, pilot vessel.

It was resolved, that the families so left, consisting of three widows and fifteen children, who, together with William Steward, the owner of the vessel, and his wife, parents of two of the crew, are found to be in a destitute condition, and should be presented a fitting subjects for public benevolence – that subscription lists be opened for their relief and that the following Gentlemen be appointed as Trustees for the receipt and appropriation of such monies as may be subscribed for the benefit of the bereaved families:-

Capt. E. Harrington Capt. Carter R.N. R.N. Rev. R. W. Sibthorp E. V. Utterson Esq. Rev. Wm. Moore Subscriptions-

The Right Hon. Lord Yarborough, £10, J. Fleming Esq. M.P., £10,

G. H. Ward Esq. Northwood, £10, The Hon. Lady Warren Vernon, £10, The Hon. Lord Ventry, £5 George Player Esq. Ryde House, £5 The Rev. Augustus Hewitt £5 Mrs. S. Gooch £5 Miss. Gooch £5 Mrs. Lind, Westmont £5 Sir R. Simeon, Bart. £5 Lord Mountsandford £2 Capt. E. M. Harington , R.N. £2 Capt. T. T.. Harington, £2 S. W. Clayton Esq. £2 J. Young Esq. £2 Colonel Aitcheson £2 Rev. R. Waldo Sibthorp £2. 2s Mrs. Hughes Hughes £2 E. V. Utterson Esq.£2 The Misses Key £2 Miss J. M. Wildman £2, 7s.6d And many other small subscriptions

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Ann STEWARD died October 23, 1888

Biographical detail of his ancestor, kindly submitted by Anthony Bevis (July 2020)