

Richard George Ballard was born in Ryde 1870, the eldest son of George & Ann Emily nee Player.

His birth is listed on the FHS BMD index as

Richard Ballard George PLAYER, registered Ryde, R32/E95

This is because his parents were not married until 26/12/1871 at Portsea.

He was bapt 6/7/1873 at Holy Trinity, Ryde -

Richard George Ballard, son of George & Ann Emily, Garibaldi Place, shoemaker

I have a note from another researcher that he was previously bapt 13/6/1870, but no details of name or where (might be in the RO card index under Player if you get a chance to look).

At the time of the 1881 census he was a 10 year old scholar living with his parents at 7 St Marys Passage, Ryde. Not found in the 1891/1901 census.

He married a Martha Rowsell in 1902 at Portsmouth, and I only know of two children so far -

Albert Gordon Ballard born 1906, bapt 6/9/1906 at All Saints, Ryde, father a C/sgt R Munster Fus.

George Sydney Player Ballard born 1909, bapt 24/10/1909 at Ryde Holy Trinity, father a porter.

RGB was buried 6/8/1909 at Ryde Cemetery,