

1871 CENSUS: RG10/1165. folio 73. page 26.  
Address: 8 Union-road, Ryde, IW.

John BEVIS. Head. Mar. 50. Mariner. Ryde.  
Elizabeth BEVIS. Wife. Mar. 49. Bonchurch, IW.  
John BEVIS. Son. Unm. 18. Mariner. Ryde.  
George BEVIS. Son. Unm. 14. Mariner. Ryde.  
Maria BEVIS. Dau. 12. Ryde.  
Henry BEVIS. Son. 9. Ryde.  
**Robert BEVIS. Son. 6. Ryde.**

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1881 CENSUS: RG11/1178. folio 66. page 21.  
Address: 8 Union-road, Ryde, IW.

John BEVES. Head. Mar. 63.. Mariner. Ryde, IW.  
Elizth BEVES. Wife. Mar. 60. Bonchurch, IW.  
Henry BEVES. Son. Unm. 19. Mariner. Ryde, IW.  
**Robt. BEVES. Son. Unm. 17. Mariner. Ryde, IW.**

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1891 CENSUS: RG12/890. folio 64. page 37.  
Address: 8 Union-road, Ryde, IW.

Elizabeth BEVIS. Head. Wid. 66. Charwoman. Bonchurch, IW.  
**Robert BEVIS. Son. S. 26. Mariner (Seas). Ryde, IW.**

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### DEATH OF A RYDE WATERMAN

We have to record the death on Friday last of a well-known Ryde waterman, **Robert BEVIS**, better known as "Robbie" BEVIS. Somehow we never saw this son of Anax without thinking of Ham and Little Emily. His heart was as soft as his arm was strong. A kinder-hearted fellow never existed, as the children soon found out. To illustrate his strength we may state that he was walking along the shore on one occasion, when he came across a new four-oared galley. Remarking that she seemed "very lightly built," he picked her up and put her on his shoulder! None of the other watermen could do more than just lift her. It was not often that "Robbie" indulged in a carousal, and when he did it only made him more fatuously good-natured than ever. On one occasion he was in the Wellington, and as an extra allowance of beer had made him rather more noisy than usual, he was requested to leave. "Robbie" felt comfortable, and did not care to move, and a policeman was sent for, But one policeman might as well have tried to move a house, and six policeman had as much as they could do to get him to the station. And yet this big, brawny fellow was killed by an attack of the quinsey, which suffocated him! He was very much liked by his fellow watermen owing to his good-natured, obliging disposition, and on Sunday last tiny flags were half-mast on most of the watermen's boats out of respect to his memory.

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