

1891 CENSUS: RG12/890. folio 57. page 23.  
Address: 17 Union-street, Ryde, IW.

**Albert J. BIRD. Head. M. 31. Optician. London.**

Melora BIRD. Wife. M. 29. Shoreditch, London.

Melora A. BIRD. Dau. 3. Shoreditch, London.

---

1898 KELLY's DIRECTORY of Hampshire & Isle of Wight - page 443

**BIRD Albert**, optician, 17 Union-street, Ryde, IW.

---

1901 CENSUS: RG13/1024. folio 18. page 27.

Address: 17 Union-street, Ryde, IW.

**Albert J. BIRD. Head. M. 41. Refractioner (own account). London, Middx.**

Melora BIRD. Wife. M. 39. London, Middx.

Melora A. BIRD. Dau. 13. London, Middx.

---

1910 KELLY's DIRECTORY of the Isle of Wight - pages 285 and 314

**BIRD Albert**, optician, 17 Union-street, Ryde, IW.

---

*In 1911 **Albert** was living at 17 Union-street, with his wife and daughter. His occupation was given as Photographer & Optician (own account)*

---

1915 KELLY's DIRECTORY of Hampshire & Isle of Wight - page 717

**BIRD Albert James**, optician, 17 Union-street, Ryde.

---

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PRESS Sat 22nd September 1917

Death Notice:-

**BIRD** .. Sept, 18, at the County Hospital, **Albert BIRD**, of Union-street, Ryde, aged 57.

---

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Sat 22nd September 1917

### **DEATH OF MR. A. J. BIRD**

We regret to have to record the death of Mr. A. J. BIRD, optician and photographer, of Union-street, which took place on Tuesday morning at the Royal I.W. County Hospital from extreme weakness following a successful operation. The deceased who had been in business in the town for 28 years, was well known for his smart business ability.

In the early days of the telephone he was one of the first in the Island to manufacture and install the instruments then in vogue, and as a manipulator of lantern views there were few, if any in the Island, who had such a large experience. He was an enthusiastic Volunteer from the formation of the V.T.C. and responded readily to all the calls made upon him. He was 57 years of age and leaves a widow and daughter, for whom much sympathy has been expressed.

The funeral took place yesterday (Friday) afternoon the service being taken at the Cemetery by the Rev. Viscount MOUNTMORRES. The Ryde Company of Volunteers under Lieut. J. P.

WATTS, provided a firing party and escort, and at the conclusion of the solemn rites, three volleys were fired over the grave and two buglers sounded the "Last Post." The mourners were the widow, daughter, two sisters, Mr. and Mrs. MORRANT and Mr. E. HUNT. There was also present Mr. and Mrs. BISHOP, Miss PASSE, Mr. F. S. WATT, etc.

Beautiful floral tributes were sent by his sorrowing wife and daughter, from Sister Polly and husband, Nan and Addie, Mr. and Mrs. G. PARKER, Ethel and Gertie, Mr. and Mrs. E. HUNT and family, Mr. and Mrs. BROUGHTON, Mr. Albert E. SLAWSON, The Hanway Strollers, the staff at the Cinema, E. and H. M. TILL, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. BISHOP, M. B. PASSE, Florrie, Audrey, Doris and Eva, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. FREEMAN, Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the Ryde Company of Volunteers, F. and E. MORRANT, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. FOX and family, M. CARTER, Harry, Miss A. CLIFFORD, Mrs. MULLIS, Mrs. HARRIS and Eric.

The funeral was conducted by Mr. P. V. COOMBES, of the firm of Messrs. A. J. and W. COOMBES.

---

Researched by  
Ann Barrett  
David Harris