

Death Notice:-

**COAR** - Jan 19, at Stockland, Well-street, Ryde, **Alfred Daniel COAR**. aged 94

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### **Ryde Nonagenarian's Death**

#### **PAINTED CARRIAGES FOR QUEEN VICTORIA.**

Ryde has lost one of its oldest and most respected residents by the death of Mr. A. D. COAR, of 49 Well-street. Born in Kent in May 1850, Mr. COAR had lived in Ryde for 70 years. He was a man of remarkable vitality and strong physique. Until he reached his 90th year he had never had medical treatment. In his 91st year he was the victim of a serious accident, being knocked down by a motor-car. In spite of severe injuries he made a wonderful recovery, and resumed his normal activities. After an illness of short duration he passed away on Friday week in his 95th year. A coach-painter and herald writer, he was first associated with Messrs. CARTER and Sons, of Union-street, Ryde, and later with Messrs. CHEVERTON, Royal Carriage Works, Newport. His work as a herald writer was widely known. He wrote coats of arms and crests for the royal equipages of Queen Victoria and H.R.H. Princess Beatrice, from whom his firm received personal compliments on his artistic skill. Examples of his work may be seen in many churches and public buildings on the mainland, including Arundel Castle, and locally, the hatchments which hang in St. Thomas' Church, Ryde, as a memorial to the members of the Player-Brigstocke family, were his work. As a young man, Mr. COAR was a keen participant in many branches of sport. He was for many years a member of the Ryde Rowing and Cycling Clubs, and was a very good amateur cricketer. He was an ardent supporter of the Ryde Sports Football Club since its formation, and was a great walker, almost to the end. When he was 93 he enjoyed a six mile walk. Among his many hobbies were painting in oils, wood-carving, and gardening. His wife died in 1913. He is survived by a son and two daughters. His son, Mr. Fred C. COAR, the head master of Bitterne Park Senior School, Southampton, was educated at Ryde Upper Grade School, and commenced his teaching career as pupil teacher at Holy Trinity National School, Ryde. His elder daughter, Miss E. M. COAR, was formerly head mistress of Bettsworth-road and Mount-street Infants' Schools.

The funeral took place at Ryde cemetery on Tuesday, the Rev. S. CORNISH, of Holy Trinity Church, Ryde, officiating. The chief mourners were Mr. F. C. COAR (son), the Misses E. M. and A. E. COAR (daughters), Mrs. F. C. COAR (daughter-in-law), and Mr. E. M. MOORE (son-in-law).

The funeral arrangements were made by Messrs. C. LANGDON and Son, and were superintended by Mr. W. H. KING, a friend of the deceased. There were a number of floral tributes.

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*NB: Although the above obituary states that Alfred was born in Kent, records have shown that his actual birthplace was Scatterry, Ireland, (military base). The family probably moved to Kent (another military base) when Alfred was very young, therefore he assumed he was born there.*