

1841 CENSUS: HO107/406/9. folio 10. page 14.  
Address: 17 Dover-street, Ryde, Newchurch, IW.

**Isaac COOPER. 49. Smith (Yes)**

Sarah COOPER. 43. (Yes)  
Robert COOPER. 19. (Yes)  
William COOPER. 16. (Yes)  
Mary BLUCK. 18. F.S. (Yes)

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1851 CENSUS: HO107/1664. folio 45. page 21.  
Address: Dover-street, Ryde, Newchurch, IW.

**Isaac COOPER. Head. Mar. 58. Smith. Freshwater, Hants.**

Sarah COOPER. Wife. Mar. 53. Newchurch, Hants.  
Robert COOPER. Son. U. 28. Carpenter. Newchurch, Hants.  
Charles COOPER. Grandson. 9. Scholar. Newchurch, Hants.  
Charlotte BANKS. Visitor. U. 25. Laundress. Newchurch, Hants.  
Sarah BANKS. Dau. 2. Brading, Hants.

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1859 WHITE's DIRECTORY of Hampshire & Isle of Wight - page 658  
**COOPER Isaac**, blacksmith, Dover-street, Ryde, IW.

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1871 CENSUS: RG10/1166. folio 39. page 25.  
Address: Cottage 4, Dover-street, Ryde, IW.

**Isaac COOPER. Head. Mar. 79. Blacksmith. Freshwater, IW.**

Sarah COOPER. Wife. Mar. 73. Ryde, IW.

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1881 CENSUS: RG11/1179. folio 62. page 22.  
Address: 21 Dover-street, Ryde, IW.

**Isaac COOPER. Head. Widr. 89. Retired Blacksmith. Freshwater, IW.**

Pheobe COOPER. Grand/dau. Mar. 33. Laundress. Ryde, IW.  
Alice COOPER. Grand/dau. Un. 16. General Servant (D Ser). Ryde, IW.

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ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Sat 3rd December 1885

**DEATH OF A VERY OLD INHABITANT.**--- We have to record the death of Mr. **Isaac COOPER**, who we believe was the veritable "eldest inhabitant," Born at Freshwater, on December 6th, 1791, Mr. COOPER, had he lived till Sunday next, would have entered on his 95th year. It is said to be over 70 years ago since the venerable old gentleman came to Ryde with a basket of tools on his back, and commenced as a blacksmith. He had during that lengthy period seen the gradual growth of a little village into a large town, and would detail, to any one who would talk to him, the successive stages in the development of the town, his memory for persons and dates being exceedingly good. Rather more than 50 years ago, Mr. COOPER built Sea View Cottage, Dover-street; there he lived for more than half a century, and there he died on Monday evening, surrounded by his descendants, who are numerous. He retained his full faculties up to the very last, reciting, only a day or so before his death, a piece of poetry which he had learned some 80 years before.

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