

MARRIAGE: 31st January 1887 at St. Helens Church, St. Helens, IW.

Edwin Augustus CULL. 27. Bachelor. (father: Henry CULL)

& Emily Alice STROUD. 27. Spinster. (father: George STROUD)

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Address: 28 Weeks-road, Ryde, IW.

Edwin A. CULL. Head. M. 41. Railway Engine Driver. Newport, IW.

Emily A. CULL. Wife. M. 40. Cowes, IW.

Frederick A. CULL. Son. 11. St. Helens, IW.

Harry CULL. Son. 10. St. Helens, IW.

Emily A. CULL. Dau. 6. Ryde, IW.

Cathline CULL. Dau. 3. Ryde, IW.

Arthur F. CULL. Son. 1. Ryde, IW.

In 1911 Edwin Augustus CULL (51) was living at 1 Nemdo Villa, Well-street, Ryde, with his wife Emily Alice (50), and 3 sons, Harry (20), Arthur Frank (11), George (8), and his daughter Kathleen (13). Edwin was listed as a Railway Engine Driver.

Daughter Emily Alice CULL married 1920 – Bernard James PARSONS at Holy Trinity Church, Ryde

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PARSONS Bernard James

PARSONS Emily Alice

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CULL Edwin

CULL Emily Alice

CULL George

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PRESS Saturday 20th June 1942

Retired Engineer Driver's Death – The death occurred on Friday week of Mr. Edwin Augustus CULL, aged 82 of Station House, Asheys: one of the last of the old school of engine drivers employed by the I.W. Railway Company. Mr. CULL, who was a member of a Newport family, entered the railway service as a cleaner at St. John's-road Station in 1879. After a short time as a fireman he became a goods train driver operating over the Brading Harbour line. Subsequently he drove the passenger trains between Ryde and Ventnor and for many years in turn with the late Driver REEVES, drove the mail and early morning trains over that track. Consequently he became well known to many Island business people and was particularly popular among the school-children who went by the early train to Sandown Secondary School. Among his railway mates and by the public generally he was affectionately known as "Black Jack". In 1900 he was concerned in an accident at Sandown station when shunting with the old I.W. Railway engine the Wroxall. Through no fault of his the train ran on the wrong track and before he could pull up the engine and a truck were off the metals and descending the short hill leading to Sandown golf course. Mr. CULL retired from the service in 1925, two years after the Southern Railway took over the Island railway system. In recognition of his 48 years service he was presented with a wallet and a monetary gift. Sportsmen who attended the Asheys race meeting will remember him as the driver of the "Asheys special" consisting entirely of first-class coaches which used to run up to the grandstand.

Since retiring he had lived at Asheys station house. He was a great walker and much of his leisure was spent in reading. A few years ago he again assumed a driver's cap and had his photograph taken standing on the footplate at the Pier-head for publication in the "County Press". In younger days the

deceased was a keen sportsman and took a lively interest in the local football and cricket clubs. Politically he was a Liberal. Many old friends have learnt with regret of his passing. He had celebrated his golden wedding but his wife died two years ago. He leaves four sons and two daughters.

The funeral service at the Cemetery on Monday was conducted by the Rev. E.S. WILLIAMSON. The mourners were Mr. H. CULL (son), Mrs. PARSONS (daughter), Mrs. F. BULL (daughter-in-law, representing Mr. F. CULL, son, who is abroad) and Miss CULL (sister). Messrs. H. WOODWARD, J. BANNISTER, and W. WILLIS (former engine drivers were among those present, and there was a wreath from the locomotive department of the Southern Railway.

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