MARRIAGE: 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1851 at Hove, Sussex. **Constable CURTIS**. (father: Timothy CURTIS)

& Henrietta Mary Anne CURTIS (father: Charles Berwick CURTIS)

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## Constable CURTIS. Head. M. 71. JP for Herts Late 12<sup>th</sup> Lancers Living own means. St. Georges Clyst, Devon.

Henrietta M. A. CURTIS. Wife. M. 74. Acton, Middx.

Henrietta A. CURTIS. Dau. S. 42. St. Georges Hanover Sq. London.

Lucy Emma CURTIS. Dau. S. 41. Monks Kirby, Warwicks.

Edward Constable CURTIS. Son. M. 47. JP for Somerset Living own means. St. Georges Hanover Sq. London.

Frank H. C. CURTIS. Son.. M. 44. Director of Forest of Dean Stone Co. Living own means, St. Georges Hanover Sq. London.

Laura M. CURTIS. Dau-in-law. M. 38. Berkhampstead, Herts. (plus 11 servants)

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## ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1909

Deaths:-

**CURTIS.-** On March 30th, 1909, at The Hall, Birkhampsted, Captain **Constable CURTIS**, aged 79 years.

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## ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 190 page 4

THE LATE CONSTABLE CURTIS.- We regret to record the death at his residence, "The Halls," Birkhampstead, of Captain Constable CURTIS, at the age of 79. Captain CURTIS for many years took a prominent position in the yachting life of the South Coast, and was much attached to this town by reason of the opportunities it afforded him of gratifying his ardent enthusiasm for the sport. A member of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club since the year 1887, Captain Constable CURTIS had formerly served on the committee of the Club. He spent a great deal of his time on the Solent, cruising either in his fine steam yacht, the "Blandusia," or his cutter, the "Jackdaw." He stayed in Ryde for a great portion of the yachting season, and made many friends in the course of his long connection with the town. Although his custom was to stay in apartments, Captain CURTIS on one occasion took Apley Towers for a brief period. Deceased was an officer of the 12th Royal Lancers, from which he made a somewhat early retirement with the rank of captain. The funeral is fixed to take place at Ryde tomorrow (Saturday). The remains leave Victoria by the 10.30 train, and will be brought across the Solent by special boat. The cortege will leave the Pier gates at 2 o'clock, and the first portion of the service will commence at the Parish Church half-an-hour later. A silk burgee will be sent by the officers and committee of the R.V.Y.C. but there will be no flowers by request. The arrangements are in the hands of Messrs. PURNELL and PURNELL, Ryde.

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## THE LATE CAPTAIN CONSTABLE CURTIS, INTERMENT AT RYDE.

The remains of the late Captain Constable CURTIS, who passed away on Tuesday of last week at his residence, The Halls, Berkhampstad, were interred at Ryde Cemetery on Saturday, when the esteem and regard in which the deceased gentleman was held in Ryde, was shown by the large number who

attended. The remains, enclosed in an oak coffin, were conveyed from the deceased's residence in Berkhampstead, to Victoria Station on Saturday morning, being transferred to the 10.30 train for Portsmouth. On arrival at the Harbour Station, the coffin was taken aboard a special boat, and carried to Ryde. The steamer, together with the other local vessels, had flags at half-mast. At the Pier Gates, the cortege, which included the family mourners, was met by an open funeral car, the sides of which were heavily hung with purple drapings. Most of the places of business in the streets through which the cortege passed were partially closed.

The first portion of the service was held in the Cemetery chapel, the Rev. W. A. LONG (Berkhampstead) officiating. The interment took place later in a single grave in the reserved portion of the Cemetery, near the main walk. The coffin bore a brass inscription plate, upon which was the following:

"Constable CURTIS. Born 20th March, 1830. Died 30th March, 1909."

The chief mourners were Mr. Charles Constable CURTIS, Mr. Edward Constable CURTIS, Mr. Frank Constable CURTIS, and the Rev. Henry Constable CURTIS (sons), Mr. Lancelot Constable CURTIS and Mr. Maynard Constable CURTIS (grandsons), Captain KENNEDY and Mr. TYLECOTE (sons-in-law), Mr. WOOLLEY, Mr. Spencer CURTIS, Mr. Berwick CURTIS, Mr. GOLDING, Major FOOTE, Mr. Reginald ECCLES, Colonel Woolcombe ADAMS, Mr. Robert BELL, Mr. John STREET, Mr. S. BARTON (skipper of the Blardusia), Mr. BURTENSHAW (engineer), Mr. George BARTON, Mr. MORLEY (butler), Mr. Mr. HOOPER (coachman), Mr. BURCH (gardener), and Mr. CURL (bailiff). Many prominent residents also attended the funeral, Mr. Blair O. COCHRANE (Rear-Commodore) and Captain BURT (Chairman of the Committee) represented the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, who sent a silk burgee. Other members of the club who were present were Major-General R. S. FETHERSTONHAUGH, C.B., Major Lowther CROFTON, Captain JELLICOE, Captain SCOVELL, Mr. B. Heckstall SMITH, Mr. C. H. STANFIELD, Colonel ENGLAND, Dr. KENNEDY, Mr. P. THELLUSSON, J.P., Mr. W. H. WALFORD, Mr. H. W. STREET, general ROOKE and Mr. J. H. LEAL (Secretary), Mr. G. H. HARRISON, J.P., was prevented from attending. Among those who were also present at the funeral were Mr. T. C, FLOWER, Mr. J. OSBORNE, Captain WILLS, and a number of members of the Ryde Pier Company's staff.

A very large number of floral tributes were sent, including the following: "In loving remembrance of our dear father"; "In loving remembrance from his fourteen grand children, and one great grand-child"; Thomas TOMPKINS, W. & C. HALES, Dr. J. B. and Mrs. and Miss ECCLES and Miss Alice ECCLES; George BURTENSHAW; Mr. and Mrs. D. CARTER, Major and Mrs. GOSSELEN, D. GRANT, Captain and Mrs. S. BARTON, Captain and Mrs. Gerald WALKER, Major and Mrs. Bendoe WILKINSON, the Congregation of All Saints' Church, Berkhamstead, Servants at "The Halls," Workmen in farm and garden, staff of the Ryde Pier Company, and others.

The funeral arrangements were conducted by Messrs. H. and J. MATTHEWS (Berkhampstead), and Messrs. PURNELL and PURNELL, High Street, Ryde.

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