

The family of James Garland Duffett-owner of Lion Brewery Ryde IOW

James Garland Duffett was born in 1842 in Hampreston Dorset to his parents Phillip Duffett (1817-1885) and Elizabeth Garland (1822-1881). Phillip was a butcher like his father Thomas and James started his business life also as a butcher before marrying Jane Lake who was related to the Eagle Brewers in Ryde.

James Garland Duffett also had the following siblings:

Ellen Duffett DOB 1841 who married John Gray in 1875-she was the mother of John Charles Duffett who was born illegitimately in 1862.

Emily Duffett DOB 1845 who married George Henry Hallett. (Butcher).

Emma Duffett DOB 1847 who married William Dibbens and they emigrated to Colorado USA.

Elizabeth Duffett DOB 1839 who married William Prior.

Sarah Duffett DOB 1840 who married George Edmund Horn. (Butcher)

James went on to own a number of pubs in the area of Ryde including The Beehive, The Rose and Crown and the Anglesey Tavern.

Sadly his wife Jane died in 1879 age 38 years and he remarried Lavinia Dunford. After his death in 1909 the business passed to his son James George Duffett (1866-1935) who then ran a Corn merchants and pet food business from the site of the original brewery.

The original Duffett name can still be seen above Grace's Bakery in the High Street and a couple of original beer bottles can be found in the museum at Royal Victoria Arcade. Also prominently still visible is the Eagle Statue above the former Eagle Hotel in the High Street.

The last surviving Duffett from James' family was his daughter Nellie who died in 1969 aged 88.

James and many members of his family are buried in Ryde Cemetery.