

MARRIAGE: Dec ¼ 1905 (General Registrars ref: Kensington Reg Dist. Vol 1A. Page 446)
John Millar DUNCAN & **Gertrude Jessie I. ELLIS**

*In 1911 **Gertrude** was living at Ramsgate with her husband and young son. Her husband John was at that time a Draper's Assistant.*

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DUNCAN Jn., draper, 1 High-street, Ryde, IW.

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Death Notice:-

DUNCAN: On February 26th, at 1, High-Street, Ryde, Mrs. **Gertrude Imber DUNCAN**, of 21, The Strand, aged 66.

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DEATH FOLLOWS CAR MISHAP Driving Seat "Seemed To Slip"

A verdict of death from natural causes, namely cardiac failure, due to myo-cardial degeneration, accelerated by shock from injuries received in a motor car accident on February 6th, was recorded by the Island Coroner (Mr. R.E.A. WEBSTER) at the inquest at 1 High-Street, Ryde on Monday on Mrs. **Gertrude Imber DUNCAN**. Sgt. DAVIES represented the Police.

The wife of Mr. J.M. DUNCAN, of 21 The Strand, a well known and respected Ryde business man, Mrs. DUNCAN passed away rather suddenly on Saturday at 1 High-Street, the home of her son and daughter-in-law. Mrs. DUNCAN was 65.

Giving evidence at the inquest, Dr. Helen R. SUTHERLAND said Mrs. DUNCAN had been involved in a motor car accident on February 6th, sustaining bruises and laceration about the right eye and forehead, hands, left leg, right knee and chest. With a lady of her age and with the state of her heart, the injuries with occasion more shock than would ordinarily be the case.

Forest Road Drive

Dr. SUTHERLAND thought the injuries did precipitate death, although not the actual cause. Some days before her death Mrs. DUNCAN had had a slight heart attack, and witness thought the accident had hastened the weakness of the heart. Her general condition was rather poor. Mrs. DUNCAN died from cardiac failure due to chronic myo cardiac degeneration accelerated by shock resulting from injuries received in an accident.

John Miller DUNCAN, draper, said that at 1.20.p.m. on February 6th he was in his car seated beside his wife, who was driving and had been a qualified driver for the past 15 years. They were travelling along the Forest Road towards Newport about 20 to 25 miles an hour on their correct side and his wife was about to stop to allow him to change over and drive through Newport.

Car Ran Off Road

When his wife put her foot on the brake the seat seemed to slip. Her foot went forward again

and touched the accelerator, and the car turned sharply off the road to the left and ran into a telegraph pole supporting wire. Witness was thrown forward and struck his head, and his wife must also have been thrown forward. Witness got out of the car and helped out his wife, who had been badly struck but did not become unconscious until two or three hours afterwards. They were taken to the Royal I.W. County Hospital, where his wife was detained until February 13th.

Mrs. Erica Jessie DUNCAN said that after her mother-in-law left the hospital she looked after her at 1 High-Street, and Dr. SUTHERLAND attended. From February 21st her mother-in-law complained of feeling ill, and had a marked shortness of breath. About 3.p.m. on February 26th, after saying she did not feel well , she had a severe heart attack, and passed away.

Canon A. CORY (vicar) officiated at the funeral service at All Saints' Church on Tuesday, and Mr. W.I. REED was organist. The mourners were Mr. J.M. DUNCAN (husband) and Mr. and Mrs. R.I. DUNCAN (son and daughter-in-law. Among the floral tributes was a token from the staff of John DUNCAN, High-Street.

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