

1891 CENSUS: RG12/886. folio 34. page 11.

Address: Salt Wood Lodge, Cambridge-road, Whippingham, East Cowes, IW.

John T. HOSKING. Head. M. 33. Gardener Domestic Serv. Ventnor, IW.

Eliza HOSKING. Wife. M. 36. Twycross, Leicestershire.

Rose F. HOSKING. Dau. 8. Scholar. Ventnor, IW.

**Sydney J. HOSKING. Son. 6. Scholar. Ventnor, IW.**

Ernest J. HOSKING. Son. 5. Scholar. East Cowes, IW.

Percy E. HOSKING. Son. 4. Scholar. East Cowes, IW.

Harold W. HOSKING. Son. 11 mths. East Cowes, IW.

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1901 CENSUS: RG13/1026. folio 54. pages 1/2.

Address: The Gardens, Apply Towers, Elmfield, IW.

John T. HOSKING. Head. M. 43. Market Gardener. Ventnor, IW.

Eliz HOSKING. Wife. M. 46. Market Gardener. Congerton, Leicestershire.

Rose F. HOSKING. Dau. S. 18. Market Gardener. Ventnor, IW.

**Sidney J. HOSKING. Son. S. 16. Stationer Apprentice. Ventnor, IW.**

Ernest J. HOSKING. Son. 15. Cowes, IW.

Bertie H. HOSKING. Son. 8. Ryde, IW.

Percy E. HOSKING. Son. 14. Cowes, IW.

Lily A. HOSKING. Dau. 5. Ryde, IW.

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MARRIAGE: 1909 at the Congregational Chapel, George-street, Ryde

Sidney John HOSKING & Lily Sophia SHEATH

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*In 1911 **Sidney** was living at Appley Villas, with his wife and her widowed mother. His occupation was listed as a Market Gardener.*

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1920 KELLY's DIRECTORY of Hampshire & Isle of Wight - page 720

**HOSKING J. T. & Sons**, fruit growers, The Gardens, Apley Towers, Ryde, IW.

1927 KELLY's DIRECTORY of Hampshire & Isle of Wight - page 734

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1933 REGISTER OF ELECTORS - 2 Appley Villas, Marlboro' Road, Ryde

**HOSKING Sydney John**

HOSKING Lily Sophia

HOSKING Kenneth John

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ISLE OF WIGHT TIMES Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August 1940

**FATAL ROAD ACCIDENT  
MARKET GARDENER KILLED**

When his motor cycle combination and a military lorry collided at the foot of East Hill and West Hill Roads, on Friday, Mr. Sidney John HOSKING (55), a well-known Congregationalist and market gardener, received injuries from which he died later in the day.

Mr. HOSKING was driving from his home, "Kirkstone," Great Preston Road, to deliver greengroceries to Ryde shops.

An inquest was held by Mr. H. R. PALMER, Acting Deputy Coroner, on Tuesday.

Kenneth John HOSKING, Assistant Borough Accountant, said his father was a market gardener. He had ridden the motor-cycle for ten years, driving it every day by the same route. He always regarded his father as a careful driver.

At 8.50 a.m. he was walking down West Hill Road and saw that an accident had occurred.

"I saw plums and cabbages strewn over the road," he said. "Then I saw it was my own father."

Samuel Charles BRADING, "Rosemount," West Hill Road, said his house was opposite the scene of the accident. At about 8.45 a.m. he was walking towards his front gate, looking for a newsboy coming along the Strand. He saw the Army lorry coming along Sandringham Gardens and also heard Mr. HOSKING's motor cycle.

### **On Correct Side**

"The lorry was on the proper side of the road until he reached the corner," he said. "As he came to the crossing I heard a screech of brakes."

The Coroner: Who ran into whom? -Mr. Hosking ran into the side of the lorry. The lorry was stationary.

"If the lorry had kept going up West Hill Road he would have been clear," he continued.

The Coroner: Did Mr. HOSKING swerve? - He seemed to go just sideways into the lorry.

The speed of the two vehicles was rather fast for such a dangerous corner.

On the impact, Mr. HOSKING pitched from the saddle and fell on the roadway nine feet away.

Mr. BRADING said he went along to the telephone and called the police and a doctor.

### **Driver's Evidence**

Bert ALLSOP, the driver of the Army vehicle, said he was driving a Royal Artillery lorry weighing two tons. He was intending to go up West Hill Road, his speed being between 15 and 20 miles per hour as he approached the crossing. Coming round the corner his lorry was about four feet from the kerb.

"I had been using the road for about a week," he said.

"When I first saw the motor cycle he appeared to be coming down the hill at between 25 and 30 miles per hour. I thought the only thing I could do was to swerve to the right to give him a chance to miss me. He seemed to have lost control of the machine. Instead he came over more my side and crashed into me."

The Coroner: You realised that it brought you on to the wrong side of the road? - It was the only thing I could do.

ALLSOP said his vehicle had not actually stopped when the collision occurred, but was skidding. The motor cycle crashed into his cabin.

### **Gave First Aid**

He applied a field dressing to the man's injuries while a Sergeant went to telephone for a doctor.

HOSKING was close to him when he started to brake. He thought that HOSKING intended to go along the Esplanade.

"I thought West Hill Road was the main road," he said.

When I emerged from Sandringham Road, the motor cycle was practically on top of me."

Sergeant Alexander COWAN, a passenger in the lorry, said he was one of three in the cabin of the lorry, but the driver had plenty of room. The driver sounded his horn on turning the corner and was on the proper side of the road.

"In my opinion if the driver of the lorry had not done as he did the combination would have gone under our front wheels," he stated.

He had thought West Hill Road was the main road.

Police Constable W. FLOYD said that when he reached the scene the motor cycle was standing on the east side of the white line in West Hill Road. The lorry on the west side of the line, at the end of a skid mark 35 feet long.

### **No Marks Of Combination**

There were no marks on the road to show that the motor cycle had moved after the impact.

The Coroner said he had visited the scene of the accident and suggested that the inquest should be adjourned while the jury went to the spot.

The foreman said that the jury knew the spot.

The Foreman: Was there any mark on the road which would indicate the motor cycle tried to brake? - No, sir.

Dr. Alferetta F. KEITH, house surgeon at the County Hospital, said that on admission HOSKING was conscious. He had an injury to his head and a broken collar bone. Later in the day she was called by a nurse because of a sudden change in his condition, but he was dead before she could reach the bedside. A post mortem revealed that a large vein had been injured by the fragments of the broken collar bone and the lungs had filled with blood.

The Coroner said the road was difficult for those who knew it.

"It is far worse for a stranger, and ...

After a long retirement the jury returned a verdict of "accidental death," adding that they considered in view of the skid marks the driver of the lorry had been travelling too fast.

The Coroner: The driver of the lorry is not censured.

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