

1871 CENSUS: RG10/1164. Folio 64. Page 19.  
Address: Yew Tree, Haven Street, Arreton, IW.

Henry JAMES. Head. Mar. 56. Dairyman. Haven Street, IW.  
Maria JAMES. Wife. Mar. 56. London.  
Maurice JAMES. Son. Un. 20. Bricklayer. Haven Street, IW.  
**Oliver JAMES. Son. Un. 17. Bricklayer. Haven Street, IW.**  
Henry J. JAMES. Son. 15. Mason's Lab. Haven Street, IW.

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*Oliver JAMES was the son of Henry and his 1<sup>st</sup> wife Jane JAMES (nee GALE). Jane died 1860 aged 45.*

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MARRIAGE: 1878 at Wesleyan Chapel, Pell-street, Sandown, IW  
**Oliver JAMES & Alice Maria FEAST.**

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1891 CENSUS: RG12/892. Folio 38. Page 14.  
Address: Havenstreet, Ryde, IW.

**Oliver JAMES. Head. M. 37. Bricklayer. Ryde, IW.**  
Alice M. JAMES. Wife. M. 33. Brading, IW.  
Alfred H. JAMES. Son. 11. Scholar. Sandown, IW.

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1901 CENSUS: RG13/1025. Folio 55. Page 9.  
Address: Dunraven, Well-street, Ryde, IW.

**Oliver JAMES. Head. M. 47. Builder (employer). Ryde, IW.**  
Alice JAMES. Wife. M. 44. Sandown, IW.  
Alfred H. JAMES. Son. 21. Builder's Son. Binstead, IW.  
Alice H. JAMES. Dau. 4. Ryde, IW.

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1910 KELLY's DIRECTORY of the Isle of Wight – pages 289 & 519  
**JAMES Oliver**, Abingdon, Well-street (south side), Ryde, IW.

1933 REGISTER OF ELECTORS – 70 Swanmore-road, Ryde  
**JAMES Oliver**  
JAMES Alice Maria

1935 KELLY's DIRECTORY of Ryde & Neighbourhood – pages 73 & 118  
**JAMES Oliver**, 70 Swanmore-road, Ryde, IW.

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ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PRESS Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 1945

**Death of Mr. Oliver JAMES.**- One of the town's oldest inhabitants passed away on Saturday in the person of Mr. Oliver JAMES, of 70 Swanmore-road. Although in his ninety-second year Mr. JAMES, until laid aside by illness a few days before his death, was a very familiar figure in the town and took walks into the country almost daily. A native of Havenstreet, where he started in business as a builder, Mr. JAMES came to the borough 48 years ago. He was responsible for the

construction of practically the whole of the houses in Well-street, Abingdon-road, and St. John's Wood-road, besides buildings at Ventnor and Newport. He held triennial contracts at Parkhurst Barracks and when the Corporation decided upon the construction of the Western Enclosure he was responsible for carrying out demolition work to enable the scheme to be carried out. Mr. JAMES was a member of the Ryde Building Society and the old Star Bowkett Society and served on the committee of the Hampshire Friendly Society. At one time he was chairman of the Ashley Parish Council and for nine years, 35 years ago, he was a member of the Town Council and served for a like period on the Board of Guardians. In 1938 Mr. JAMES and his wife, who died in 1942, celebrated their diamond wedding and received the congratulations of the King and Queen. Coming from a family who for several generations were loyal Methodists. Mr. JAMES became associated with the Wesleyan Church as a boy, and throughout his long life he gave zealous service to a cause which was for him one of enthralling interest. He filled many offices in the church, including that of society steward, and at the time of his death was a trustee of the churches at Garfield-road, Seaview, Binstead, and Havenstreet. A stalwart Christian and a man of kindly and pleasant nature he will be much missed.

The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon, the first part of the service being held in the Garfield-road Methodist Church. The Rev. H. B. HOWARD, who officiated, spoke of the deceased's radiant Christian personality and the wonderful service he had rendered throughout his long life to his God, church and fellow men. The hymns "The King of Love" and "In heavenly love abiding" were sung and "O rest in the Lord" was played as the cortege left the church. The mourners were Mr. A. H. JAMES (son), Mrs. G. N. THOMAS (daughter), Mrs. A. H. JAMES (daughter-in-law), Mr. G. N. THOMAS (son-in-law) Mrs. W. E BARTON, of Cowes (niece), Mrs. J. YOUNG, and Miss Bertha GUY. Among others present were Messrs. H. BOYCE, J.P., G. BOYCE, H. JAMES, H. E. G. JARVIS, Mr. and Mrs. F. HALSTEAD, Mrs. FARMER, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mrs. MAY, Mrs. HUNT, Mrs. BRADING, and Miss GRAY. The interment was in the Cemetery.

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