

Henry LEEK was born about 1827 in Longparish, Hampshire, England to George and Mary LEEK. He was baptised on 8 Aug 1842 in Saint Thomas, Ryde, Hampshire, England.

He appeared in the census on 30 Mar 1851 at 17 Pier Street in Ryde, living with his widowed sister-in-law, Caroline Leek. Henry supported her and her children after Caroline's husband, Henry's brother Charles, died suddenly of pneumonia at the age of 29. On 30 Mar 1851

Henry was a bath chair proprietor in Ryde. He was present at the death of his nephew, Walter LEEK, on 25 Oct 1851 at 17 Pier Street in Ryde. He was convicted of plying for hire as chairmen without being duly licensed on 20 May 1858 at the age of 31 in Ryde.

Henry appeared in the census on 7 Apr 1861 at Pier Street in Ryde and was a bath chair man. He appeared in the census on 2 Apr 1871 at 18 Pier Street in Ryde, still a bath chairman. He appeared in the census on 3 Apr 1881 at 18 Pier Street in Ryde, still working as a bath chairman.

Henry died of enteritis after an 8 days illness on 21 Mar 1885 at the age of 58 in Ryde and was buried on 24 Mar 1885 at Ryde Cemetery

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