

LIFEBOAT DISASTER RECALLED

DEATH OF MR. A.C. LININGTON.

A terrible lifeboat disaster which cast a gloom over Ryde more than twenty years ago is recalled by the death on Friday, of Mr. Alfred Charles LININGTON of 15 Bellevue road, Ryde, at the age of 46. Mr. LININGTON with his father, the late Mr. A.C. LININGTON, was in the crew of the Ryde lifeboat, Selina, which put out on the night of New Year's Eve, 1907 to rescue a man who had got into difficulties while fishing. The lifeboat capsized and the crew of nine clung to the upturned keel while it drifted with the wind and tide to the eastward and back again and eventually to Southsea where it was flung on the beach. Two of the crew Henry HOWARD, a fisherman, and Frank HAINES, a coastguard, were overcome by exposure and dropped into the water just before the boat reached Southsea. Mr. LININGTON almost shared their fate, as the intense cold made him drowsy, but his father, who wore a heavy black beard, kept him awake by rubbing his face. The funeral of the two victims was one of the most impressive ever witnessed in Ryde.

Mr. LININGTON owned much property on the Esplanade beach, and his speed boat trips were very popular with visitors. He also owned the toy boats on the Canoe Lake. He was well known and highly esteemed in the town, and his death will be sincerely regretted by many.

The funeral took place yesterday (Tuesday) at Holy Trinity Church, the Rev. A.C. DURHAM, Vicar of Swanmore officiated. There was a large gathering of old friends at the church and at the cemetery where was interred.

The chief mourners were:- Mr. H.H. LININGTON (brother), Mr. F. RASHLEY, (brother-in-law) Mrs. E. BRADING, and Mrs. P. BREWSTER (sisters), Mr. H. LININGTON (uncle) Mr. E. BRADING and Mr. G. BARTLEY (brothers-in-law), Mr. E. LININGTON, Mr. A. REEVES, senior, Mr. D. REEVES, senior (cousins), Messrs. R. and J. RASHLEY (nephews). Mrs. K. RASHLEY (sister-in-law) Mr. P. REEVES junior, Mr. E. LININGTON junior, (cousins). Others present were Councillor F.A. SAUNDERS, Messrs P. BIGGS, T. BEAVIS, D. PATERSON. W. COTTON, F. SHACKLETON, RICHARDS and R. WOODMERE, (employees of Mr. LININGTON).

Floral tributes were received from:

Mrs. A.C. LININGTON and Trucy widow and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E.G. BRADING and LAURY, Mr. and Mrs. O'BREWSTER and Charlie, Mr. and Mrs. G. BARTLEY and children, Mr. and Mrs. H.H. LININGTON, Miss JAMES and Miss ANSTEY, Recreation Club Swanmore, Ryde Conservative Association, British Legion Men's Branch, British Legion Women's Branch, Mrs. BARBER and Mrs. LEWIS, Cousin DAN, Mr. and Mrs. SHIMAR and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. REED and family, Councillor and Mrs. F.A. SAUNDERS, Dr. UPCOT-GILL, Mr. and Mrs. F. LININGTON, Mr. H. GREGG, Mr. and Mrs. GIBSON and sons, Employees of Café Royal, Fred, Katy, Jack and Reg, Mr. and Mrs. W.A. BISHOP and staff at Hazelwood, Mrs. BRADDY, Ruling Councillor Treasurer and Secretary of the Primrose League, Mr. and Mrs. LIPSCOMB, Ada, Will, Alice and Harold, Mr. and Mrs. GAGE, Mr. and Mrs. A.W. TIMMS, Mr. and Mrs. GREEN, Mr. and Mrs. STEEL, Fred, Annie and girls, Mr. and Mrs. BUCKETT, Mr. and Mrs. R. WOODMORE, Alf, Nellie and Tony, Mr. and Mrs. H. LININGTON and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. REEVES, senr., Mr. and Mrs. W. COTTON, Mr. and Mrs. P. BIGGS, Mr. and Mrs. REEVES, junr., Mrs. F. REEVES and family from the boys.

Mrs. LININGTON and family wish to thank all kind friends for sympathy in their sad bereavement and for floral tributes sent.

The funeral arrangements were conducted by Mr. E. CHANDLER.