

My interest in Lady Grey is to do with my g-grandmother Elizabeth Ballard, nee Andrews. Elizabeth was Lady Grey's Ladys Maid in London (Lambeth in 1881) and accompanied her on trips to Ryde. It was in Ryde that Elizabeth met her future husband Willie Ballard. Two of Elizabeth's sister were also in Lady Grey's household at the same time (1881); Mary a cook and Keziah a servant.

Elizabeth must have been very fond of Lady Grey as she named her daughter (my grandmother) after her - Roza Louiza Josepha Ballard. We always wondered why she had such a continental sounding name! Elizabeth also took out a right of burial at Ryde Cemetery just a few weeks after Lady Grey's burial there.

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*Kindly submitted by Gordon Childs June 2020*