

MARRIAGE: 6th September 1898 at St. Michael's Church, Swanmore, IW.
Harold Gascoigne NUTT. 34. Bachelor. (father: Robert NUTT)
& Florence Mary SCHOLEFIELD. 22. Spinster. (father: Vincent SCHOLEFIELD)

Children of Harold & Florence NUTT:-

1899 Dorothy Mary Gascoigne - mar. 1922 John Gerald FARDELL St. Michael's Swanmore.
1900 Nancy Florence
1903 Ernest Hugh Knowlton
1906 Harold Norman

In 1911 **Harold** was living at *The Pier Hotel, Seaview*, with his wife Florence, 2 daughters Dorothy & Nancy, 2 sons Ernest & Harold, and 8 servants. **Harold** was listed as a Hotel Proprietor, his birthplace Maulton, Rutlandshire.

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SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. H. G. NUTT, OF SEAVIEW

The startling news which quickly spread on Saturday that Mr. Harold Gascoyne NUTT of the Pier Hotel, Seaview, had passed away suddenly that morning was received with profound regret by the many who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. Although a martyr to dyspepsia, he suffered uncomplainingly, and his cheery manner and pleasant smile were outward characteristics that led even his most intimate friends to regard him as being of more robust health than unfortunately it was his privilege to enjoy. This fact naturally accentuated the surprise occasioned by the sad news that death had overtaken him while taking his usual morning bath,

The late Mr. NUTT, who was 54 years of age, was a son of the late Rev. R NUTT, M.A., at one time a curate of Newport and Carisbrooke, and chaplain to the County Hospital. From early youth he was associated with recreative pursuits of a manly character, and in latter years was keenly interested in golf, shooting, boating, and billiards. As an exponent of the latter game he was *facile princeps* locally and for many years had maintained his right to the title of amateur champion of the Isle of Wight. To this distinction he more than once attempted to add the amateur championship of all England, but in this he was unsuccessful. His best fight in the championship was on the occasion of his last appearance in the competition in 1910, when in the Southern qualifying competition he was beaten by 68 points in the final by Mr. E. H. HINDS.

By profession, the deceased was associated for many years with the banking business, and was cashier and afterwards manager of the Capital and Counties Bank at Ryde. Some 13 years since he took over the Pier Hotel, Seaview, which, under his astute business management, combined with his urbane and genial disposition, quickly gained public favour, and incidentally added not a little to the prosperity of that popular and growing seaside resort. In other directions he was ever ready to do his utmost to promote the best interests of the place. He was one of the pioneers in the establishment of a Conservative and Unionist Club, and for some time was its highly esteemed president. As a staunch churchman he rendered much appreciated help as sidesman at St. Peter's Church. While residing in Ryde he was one of the founders and the first hon. secretary of the Social Club, and on the occasion of his marriage with Miss SCHOLEFIELD was presented with a handsome canteen of silver to mark the happy event and in acknowledgment of the successful efforts he had put forward on behalf of the new institution.

The late Mr. NUTT was also a past master of the Ryde Lodge (No. 698) of Freemasons. He was a member of the Seaview Volunteers. He leaves a widow and young family, to whom the sincerest sympathy has been extended in their sudden and irreparable bereavement.

INQUEST

The inquest was held at the Pier Hotel on Monday afternoon by the Acting Deputy Coroner (W. H. P. F. THIRKELL Esq). Mr. G. FARDELL, solicitor, representing the family, and Mr. T. LANDER was foreman of the jury.

Florence Mary NUTT, the widow, stated that the deceased got up about 6 o'clock on Saturday morning, which was earlier than usual. As there had been trouble in getting the servants up in time, her husband said he would see to it. Deceased had suffered from indigestion for some time, and on Friday, at lunch time, as he was looking very pale, she asked if he had his old pain, and he replied "No not much."

The Deputy Coroner: Had he worried about anything else besides the servants?

Witness: Only about the food trouble; not in any other way. Continuing, Mrs. NUTT said she went to breakfast at about 8.30, and as deceased did not put in an appearance one of her daughters went to look for him. She came back and said that he was not in his bed-room, and that the bath-room was locked. Witness hurried upstairs and was about to get through the bath-room window, when the hotel porter broke open the door.

By Mr. FARDELL: Deceased slept better on Friday night, but had had some bad nights previously.

George YOUNG, porter at the Pier Hotel, said he saw the deceased a few minutes before 6 o'clock on

s#Saturday morning. He came to the kitchen and asked for some hot water, which witness believed he drank. He arranged with witness to sift some mould after breakfast. Deceased went to the bath-room at about 7.20. About 8.45 he was told that deceased was in the bath-room and the door was fastened. Witness forced open the door, which was only held by a small bolt. He found deceased lying in the bath, face downwards. The water was fairly warm, and the bath was about three-parts full. There was a large bruise on the right side of the forehead. Witness lifted him out of the bath and tried artificial respiration until the doctor arrived.

By the Foreman: It was customary for the deceased to take a bath every morning. There was no bruise on his forehead when he first saw deceased on Saturday morning.

Dr. J. D. DAVIES, of Ryde, said he had attended the deceased for some years. He had suffered principally from stomach trouble, and his heart's action was not strong. The last time witness saw him professionally was five weeks ago. He had then been attending him for a month, as he was very ill and was staying at Haylands. When he had these bad attacks he could only take a little milk or Benger's food sometimes for weeks at a time. This would all tend to weaken the heart. On Saturday morning, in response to a telephone message, he went to the Pier Hotel, arriving there about 9.20. YOUNG and Dr. CARTER were trying artificial respiration, which they continued for some time, but on examining the deceased he came to the conclusion that death had taken place about an hour. His view was that deceased had been in a very hot bath and in his weak state became faint, and in trying to get out of the bath fell back into the water, striking his face on the bath as he did so. He attributed death to heart failure.

By the Foreman: He did not think the blow would have rendered the deceased unconscious. He was aware that the deceased was in the habit of taking his bath hot.

The Deputy Coroner said much as they would have desired to spare Mrs. NUTT and the family the pain of an inquest, he felt that the circumstances quite justified an inquiry, but having heard the evidence he did not think the jury would have any difficulty in coming to the conclusion that death was due to heart trouble.

The jury returned a verdict that death was due to heart failure, accelerated by chronic dyspepsia and a hot bath. The jury expressed sincere sympathy with Mrs. NUTT and the family, and the Deputy Coroner said he wished to associate himself with it. He felt sure that Seaview and the neighbourhood had not only suffered a great loss, but they in Ryde felt keenly the death of a good sportsman; speaking personally, he felt it very much.

Mr. FARDELL thanked the Deputy Coroner and jury, and said he would convey their expressions of sympathy to Mrs. NUTT and family.

THE FUNERAL

---took place on Wednesday morning, the first part of the service being held at St. Michael's, Swanmore. This was preceded by a celebration of the Holy Communion, at which the chief mourners were present. The Rev. W. E. SPENCER was celebrant, assisted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. F. J. HANBURY), both of whom officiated at the service which followed.

The family mourners were Mrs. NUTT (widow), the Misses Dorothy and Nancy NUTT (daughters), Masters Hugh and Norman NUTT (sons), Mr. and Mrs. C. NUTT (brother and sister-in-law), the Misses Gertrude and Ethel NUTT and Mrs. JONES (sisters), Mrs. CROSS, the Rev. F. R. DAWSON, and Miss LENNIN.

Among those at the church were the Deputy Mayor (Ald. H. SWEETMAN, J.P.), Ald. F. W. RANDALL, J.P., Ald. W. H. P. F. THIRKELL, Dr. J. D. DAVIES, Dr. K. W. I. MACKENZIE, Major J. ELLERY, Dr. CARTER, Mr. H. KNOX, Mr. S. E. BROOK, Mr. J. G. DUFFETT, Mr. Walter HILLS, Mr. J. B. PURNELL, Mr. Gustav MULLINS, Mr. J. H. DOWN, Chief Constable GREENSTREET, Mr. Rowland RUSSELL, Mr. F. PUTTOCK, Mr. H. B. FOWLER, Mr. E. R. RATCLIFFE, Mr. L. W. REED, Mr. E. C. AYLWARD, Mr. R. GOULD (Shanklin), &c.

Mr. C. B. HAIR played a short voluntary as the congregation was assembling, and after the reading of the lesson the hymn "On the resurrection morn" was sung. The committal sentences were pronounced by the Rev. F. R. DAWSON, a former vicar of Seaview.

Among those at the Cemetery were the Mayor (Ald John I. BARTON), Dr. J. W. PRIDMORE, Mr. E. WARD, Mr. J. FARDELL, Mr. J. W. JACKSON, Mr. C. W. JACKMAN, Mr. T. FORD, Mr. MACKMAN, and others. The polished elm coffin, with brass fittings, bore an inscription plate, "Harold Gascoyne NUTT, died 23rd March 1918, aged 54."

There were many beautiful floral tributes, among them being; From the manager and staff of the Capital and Counties Bank, Ryde; the Conservative and Unionist Club, Seaview; fellow members of the Ryde Club; Col. WYMME and officers and men, 32 co. and 34 co. R.G.A.; the members of the Ryde Conservative Club; the president and vice-president of the Shanklin Conservative and Unionist Club; the officers and members of the I.W. Golf Club; the vicar, churchwardens, sidesmen, and choir of St. Peter's, Seaview; the tradesmen of Seaview; and the brethren, Ryde Lodge, No. 698.

The funeral arrangements were entrusted to Mr. C. LANGDON.

A memorial service was held at St. Peter's Church, Seaview, on Wednesday, at mid-day, conducted by the Rev. F. R. DAWSON, M.A. (who was the first vicar of the parish and held the living some four years), assisted by the Rev. W. G. PRICE (*locum tenens* for the present Vicar, the Rev. T. S. O'REILLY, who is serving as chaplain to the Forces). There was a large congregation to pay tribute to the memory of the deceased. A number of Volunteers in uniform attended the service, under Sergt. LUND. The hymns "On the resurrection morning" and "Through the night of doubt

and sorrow" were sung. Miss Ruby DAISH presided at the organ.

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