

Death notice:-

RHODES.- On October 27th at Surbiton, **William Henry RHODES**, late of 34 West Street, Ryde.

Obituary

One of the oldest inhabitants of Ryde, in the person of Mr. William Henry RHODES, late of 34 West Street, Ryde, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. S. BARRETT, of Surbiton, on Friday.

Mr. RHODES was known to generations of Island folk as "Adam's Carrier". Plying with his horse-drawn cart between Ryde and Shanklin for four days a week, and between Ryde and Binstead the remaining two days, he was a well-known figure, and in those days before motor transport was introduced carried on a vital service in inter-town trade.

Living in Ryde for 84 years- up to last autumn- he was well known amongst the older inhabitants by whom he was looked upon as one of the "landmarks" of Ryde life. As a life-long supporter of the George Street Congregational Church he was an active worker there in his earlier years. As Chief Ranger of the local court of the Ancient Order of Foresters he saw through the building and furnishing of the Forester's Hall in Warwick Street at the end of the last century. A keen gardener all his life he was well known for the prolific yield and display his garden always gave. He is survived by a son, Mr. W. G. RHODES, of Sheffield, the secretary of the Science Masters' Association, and his daughter Mrs. BARRETT.

Interment is at Ryde Cemetery to-day (Thursday) at 2 p.m.
