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Address: 15 Carisbrooke-road, Newport, IW.

William N. BILES. Head. M. 40. Butcher's Manager. Southampton, Hants.
Flora BILES. Wife. M. 40. Southampton, Hants.
William M. BILES. Son. S. 19. Butcher's Shopman. Southampton, Hants.
Mary A. BILES. Dau. S. 13. Southampton, Hants.
Ernest W. WEALTHY. Boarder. S. 22. Grocer's Assistant. London.
Elizabeth DAISH. Serv. S. 16. Gen Servant Domestic. Newport, IW.
Dorothy Macdonald. Visitor. 7. Southampton, Hants.

MARRIAGE: 1902 at James's-street Chapel, Newport, IW.
Ernest Walter WEALTHY & Gertrude May MELHUISH

*In 1911 **Ernest** was living at 6 West-place, Ryde, with his wife Gertrude, son Stanley, and daughter Daisy. His birthplace was Braintree, Essex, and his occupation was Grocer's Manager.*

1933 REGISTER OF ELECTORS - 2 West Place, West-street and 74 High-street, Ryde
WEALTHY Ernest Walter
WEALTHY Gertrude May
WEALTHY Daisy Maud
WEALTHY Stanley

1947 REGISTER OF ELECTORS - 3 Garfield-road, Ryde
WEALTHY Ernest W.
WEALTHY Gertrude M.

WEALTHY Stanley M. (2 West Place)
WEALTHY Lillian A. (2 West Place)

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Death Notice:-

WEALTHY: Jan. 27th at the Royal I.W. County Hospital, Ryde, **Ernest Walter WEALTHY**, of 60 West-Street, Ryde, dearly loved husband of Gertie and dear dad of Daisy, Stanley and Leslie, aged 83.

RYDE RETIRED TRADER'S ACCIDENTAL DEATH

Jury Suggest Improved Lighting And Road Signs.

A verdict of accidental death was returned by the jury at the inquest at the Town Hall, Ryde, on Thursday, on Mr. **Ernest Walter WEALTHY**, aged 83, of 60 West-Street, Ryde, a well-known retired businessman. Mr. WEALTHY died at the Royal I.W County Hospital on Friday week after being injured in a road accident at the junction of West-Street and Adelaide-Place on January 10th. Stanley Melhuish WEALTHY, of 2 West-Place, West-Street, Ryde, said that on January

10th at about 5. p.m. He was walking along West-Street when he saw someone lying in the road a little way inside Adelaide-Place, and a car had stopped there. He heard a voice say "where am I?" and realised it was his father. His home was only a few yards away. He visited his father in hospital several times and he told him he could not remember anything after shutting the gate on leaving his house. His father was a very careful man who waited to make sure everything had passed before crossing the road.

Walter ATTRILL, of 60 West-street, said his father-in-law, who lived with him, decided to go for a walk. The accident occurred a few minutes after he left the house. Barbara Anne SUNNERTON, a staff nurse at the I.W. County Hospital, said she walked across West-street to the shop on the corner of Adelaide-Place and saw Mr. WEALTHY standing on the corner. As she opened the shop door she heard a crash and found him lying in the road. His hearing aid had dropped from his ear.

Basil John HILL, of 41 Denness-Road, Lake, said he was sitting in his car about 100 feet from the corner waiting for his wife to come from the County Hospital outpatients' department, when he saw a car pass over from Milligan-Road across West-Street into Adelaide-Place. He heard the screech of brakes and a bang and saw Mr. WEALTHY lying in the road just by the kerb. The car went across normally, there was excessive speed, perhaps 20 m.p.h.

MOTORISTS' EVIDENCE

Ronald Percy MARTIN, shopkeeper, of Binstead Post Office, said he drove up Milligan-Road at a reasonable speed and slowed down to cross West-Street. There was no traffic, and he accelerated into Adelaide-Place. He suddenly saw a figure in front of him. He tried to swerve clear and braked. He did not know if he hit the man as he stopped, but Mr. WEALTHY cannoned off the car. He seemed to appear out of the shadow from nowhere. The Coroner said that Police Inspector

F.L. ALLAN had expressed a view that a slow, major road ahead sign might be advisable in Milligan-Road.

Dr. M.A. GAD (house surgeon at the Royal I.W. County Hospital) said Mr. WEALTHY'S injuries included a fractured skull and pelvic bone, and he was operated on the night he was admitted. He improved, but from the start he was chesty, and his condition became critical on January 26th.

Dr. P.D. SWINSTEAD (pathologist) said death was due to congestive cardiac failure as a result of multiple injuries, and the chest infection (acute bronchitis and emphysema) was a contributory factor.

Announcing the verdict, the foreman of the jury (Mr. A.L. PICKERING) said they considered that the corner should be looked into from the point of view of lighting and road signs.

FORMER GROCER

Born in Essex, Mr. WEALTHY came to Ryde in 1900 and for many years was a branch manager of a multiple store in High-Street before opening his grocery business in High-Street from which he retired about eight years ago. As a young man he was a keen cyclist, and was a member of the old Vectis Cycling Club. A staunch supporter of the carnival and regatta, he served for some years on the committees of both organisations. During the first world war he served with the Island Volunteers, and was a fire watcher during the last war. He was a member of the British Legion and the R.O.A.B., and was for many years a member of the I.W. Grocers' Association. For some time he was a sidesman at George-Street Congregational Church. He leaves a widow, two sons and one daughter,

The funeral took place at George-Street Congregational Church on Thursday. The Rev. C. HANNAM officiated, and Miss K. INGRAM accompanied the singing of "The Lord is my shepherd" and "In heavenly love abiding." The mourners were Mrs. E.W. WEALTHY (widow), Mr. and Mrs. S. WEALTHY and Mr. and Mrs. L. WEALTHY (sons and daughters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. W. ATTRILL (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. R. WEALTHY (grandson), Miss P. WEALTHY (grand-daughter), Mr. F. WEALTHY (brother), the Misses M. and D. WEALTHY

(sisters), Mr. S. LAYZELL (brother-in-law), and Mesdames E. WISE and A. GARNHAM (sisters-in-law), Mr. GARNHAM (brother-in-law) was prevented by illness from attending.

The large congregation included many members of the church and choir, and representatives of the British Legion and Grocers' Association. The interment was at Ryde Cemetery, where the floral tributes included those from the Congregational Church and choir.

Messrs. H,V, TAYLOR and Son made the arrangements.

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