

MARRIAGE: 5th Sept 1869 at St. Thomas's Church, Ryde, IW.
Miah WILLIS. 25. Bachelor. (father: Robert WILLIS)
& Eliza Jane JONES. 26. Spinster. (father: John Samuel JONES)

1891 CENSUS: RG12/891. folio 89. page 18.
Address: 10 John-street, Ryde, IW.

Miah WILLIS. Head. M. 45. Carriage Painter. Brading, IW.
Eliza J. WILLIS. Wife. M. 46. Winchester, Hants.
Adeliza A. WILLIS. Dau. S. 26. Ryde, IW.
John C. HOLLINGS. Boarder. S. 23. Printer's Foreman. Penryn, Cornwall.

1898 KELLY's DIRECTORY of Hampshire & Isle of Wight - page 436
WILLIS Miah, 10 John-street, Ryde, IW.

1901 CENSUS: RG13/1024. folio 25. page 2.
Address: 10 John-street, Ryde, IW.

Miah WILLIS. Head, M. 55, Tyler Masonic Hall. Brading, IW.
Eliza J. WILLIS. Wife. M. 55. Winchester, Hants.
William DEWNEY. Boarder. S. 25. Solicitors Clerk. Southgate, London.
Ernest J. REMFRY. Boarder. S. 19. Solicitors Clerk. Finsbury Park, London.

In 1911 Miah was still living in John-street, he was a widower and his married daughter was listed as his housekeeper. His occupation was Coach Painter Retired.

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 3rd January 1914

DEATH OF MR. M. WILLIS

Much regret will be felt by Island Freemasons at the death of Mr. Miah WILLIS, for many years tyler of the Masonic Lodges which meet in Ryde. He had been in failing health for a long time and the end was not unexpected.

The funeral was held on Thursday afternoon, a number of brethren attending from the Masonic Lodge in John Street. Among those present were the following brethren of East Medina Lodge, 175, Ryde, Colonel E. W. CRADOCK, D.L., P.M., P.P.J.G.W., W. Master; the Rev. C. L. BLAKE, M.A., I.P.M.; Mr. J. R. DIXON, S.W.; Major J. ELLERY, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., treasurer; Mr. E. GROVES, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; Mr. W. H. LONG, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; Mr. E. G. STROUD, P.M., P.P.D.G.D.C.; Major C. SWEETMAN, P.M. P.P.J.G.D. Mr. C. LANGDON, P.M., P.P.D.G.D.C.; Mr. A. MARLOW, P.M. P.P.A.G.D.C.; Mr. C. J. DE LAUNAY, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; Mr. F. F. FARRAND, P.M.; Mr. H. OSBORNE, P.M.; Mr. A. PAGE, P.M.; Mr. Ellis PALMER, Mr. P. COOMBES, Mr. P. LANGDON, Mr. R. LONG, Mr. G. RUSSELL and Mr. W. ABRAHAM.

The following represented Ryde Lodge, No. 698: Mr. J. WORDSWORTH, W.M., Dr. PRIDMORE, P.M., Dr. W. WATTS, P.M., Mr. C. W. VINCENT. Chine Lodge (Shanklin) was represented by Mr. R. RUSSELL, P.M., and Mr. W. J. MEW, Tyler. Yarborough Lodge (Ventnor) by Mr. E. G. H. WETHERICK, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.

The service was at All Saints' Church, with which Mr. WILLIS had been connected for many years. The procession was met at the north door by the Vicar (the Rev. Hugh LE FLEMING),

the Rev. C. L. BLAKE, and the Rev. Viscount MOUNTMORRES, the officiating clergy. Amongst those present at the Church were Mr. A. DRAKE, Mr. WRIGHT, Mr. S. ATTWOOD, Mr. F. S. WATT, Mr LIGHTFOOT and others. The remains were enclosed in a coffin of polished oak with brass fittings, the plate bearing the inscription-

MIAH WILLIS,
Died December 29th, 1913,
Aged 69 years.

The committal sentences at the graveside were pronounced by the Vicar.

There were a number of beautiful floral tokens from- Olive: Sister and Nieces; Pat; Aunt Mary and Herbert; Addie and Bob; The Brethren of the Ryde Lodge, No. 698; East Medina Lodge, No. 175; The Vicar, Wardens and Sidesmen of the Ryde Parish Church; E. A. DENNIS; S. ATTWOOD; F. MAZDON; Mrs. N. and F. DERRICK; Mrs. JANAWAY and Family; Mrs. VANNER and Family.

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