

1881 CENSUS: RG11/1179. folio 15. page 24.
Address: 13 Riboleau-street, Ryde, IW.

William WITHERS: Head. Mar. 79. Formerly Lodging House Keeper. Bouldnor, Lymington, Hants.
Lucy WITHERS. Wife. Mar. 70. Calbourne, IW.
Charlotte ATTWELL. Boarder. Widow. 80. Retired Inn Keeper. Calbourne, IW.

1891 CENSUS: RG12/890. folio 110. page 17.
Address: 14 Riboleau-street, Ryde, IW.

William WITHERS. Head. M. 89. Lodging House Keeper. Lymington, Hants.
Lucy WITHERS. Wife. M. 81. Calbourne, IW.
Charlotte ATWELL. Niece. 16. Newport, IW.

1901 CENSUS: RG13/1025. folio 76. page 4.
Address: The Cottage, Riboleau-street, Ryde, IW.

Lucy WITHERS. Head. Wid. 91. Porchfield, IW.
Charlotte ATTRILL. Grand Niece. S. 26. House Keeper Domestic. Newport, IW.
Louisa CALPINE. Grand Niece. S. 35. Visitor. Cowes, IW.

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DEATH OF AN OLD RESIDENT.- On Thursday last was laid to rest in Ryde Cemetery the body of Mrs. Lucy WITHERS, of the Cottage, Riboleau-street. Among the oldest residents of Ryde, she had reached the age of 94 years and five months, and with the exception of a short period had spent her long life in this town. Born on March 27th, 1810, in the reign of George III, she had lived under five Sovereigns, and as her memory remained to within a few weeks of her death remarkably clear, it will be readily understood how interesting it was to listen to her as she talked of the events of her early years.

For about 30 years she lived in the service of the late Captain James MASTERS, R.N., of Willow Cottage, Lind-street, and was nurse to his two children- Mrs. NICHOLSON, widow of the late Rev. Prebendary NICHOLSON, of Aller Rectory, Somersetshire, and Canon J. Hoare MASTERS, of Chichester. On the death of Captain MASTERS, in 1863, she entered the service of his son and was in turn nurse to his children at Lower Beeding Vicarage, in Sussex. Five years later she married Mr. William WITHERS and returned to Ryde, where she spent the remaining years of her life. For some years past, while retaining all her faculties, she has been somewhat infirm, and during this time she has been devotedly tended by her grand-niece, Miss Lottie ATTWELL. She was a fine type of that class of servant who, alas! are seldom now to be found, but who 50 years ago, were the rule rather than the exception, who loved their employers and made their interest their own great concern; and of Mrs. WITHERS it can be said that she has continued during 70 years the beloved and loving friend of the family to whose service she so devotedly attached herself in her younger days, and today they mourn her as one of themselves.

She was a member of the Congregational Chapel in George-street, and from there her body was being taken to its final resting place, the burial service being taken by the Rev. Henry COLEY. Many were present to do honour to her memory; among them her nearest relatives: Miss Lottie ATTWELL, Mrs. ATTWELL, Miss Marian ATTWELL, Mr. MOTTH, Mr. Frederick WITHERS (step son), Mr. G. H. BROWN, of Newport, also Canon MASTERS and his son, Rev. Herbert MASTERS (both of whom she loved to recall, she had carried as babies many a mile in her arms),

and Mrs. MASTERS, wife of Canon MASTERS. Mrs. NICOLSON was only prevented being present by her condition of health.

NB: We have noted the discrepancy on the census of the surname spelling of the young Charlotte Atwell/Attrill.

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