

BEYOND THE GRAVES

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RYDE WORLDWIDE

RYDE, AUSTRALIA



The original sketch of St Anne's Church
by Rev. D. R. S. Begbie.

Ryde is a suburb of Sydney, New South Wales, Australia and lies on the north bank of the Parramatta River. It was named after Ryde on the Isle of Wight. One of the suggested origins of the name in Australia is from the Rev George Turner and his wife Mary, who left Wiltshire in June 1838 and travelled to this area in Australia then known as Kissing Point. Mary Turner was born in Ryde, Isle of Wight and named the area Ryde, because of its apparent likeness to her home town.

Ryde is the third oldest settlement in Australia, after Sydney and Parramatta. Originally, known by its Aboriginal name Wallumetta, the whole area between Parramatta and Lane Cove Rivers became known as the Field of Mars. Ryde Bridge crosses the Parramatta. The name Ryde was used from the 1840s and officially adopted as the name of the municipality in 1870. The suburb contains the oldest settler's cottage in Australia, Addington, on Victoria Road, built around 1800. Kissing Point also claims to have the site of the first brewery built in Australia. As Ryde was located at the top of a hill (from whichever way you approached it) it also became known as 'Top Ryde.'

St Anne's Anglican Church, Church Street, in Ryde, Australia, has the grave of Maria Ann Sherwood Smith, in whose orchards the Granny Smith apple was first found. Every year the Granny Smith Festival is held in her honour. The church was built in 1826 and extended in later years. It was a central feature in the early life of the area.

Today, the Ryde Rivers Festival, previously known as The Ryde Aquatic Festival, is a free, annual family fun event celebrating the historical significance of the waterways to the City of Ryde; organised by the local Rotary Club it raises funds for Ryde Hospital, Life Education, tertiary bursaries for children and other Rotary projects.

Ryde is mostly surrounded by the Parramatta and Lane Cove Rivers and in the 1850s crowds in excess of 100,000 spectators travelled by foot, horse and cart or by boat to the place now known as Kissing Point Park in Putney to witness the Australian and World Rowing Regattas, which were then Australia's premier sporting events. It must have been reminiscent of the Regattas of Ryde on the Isle of Wight!

Back in June 1907, "The unfurling of the gift flag to the children of Ryde from the children of Ryde, New South Wales, Australia, took place Friday afternoon and was made the occasion of an imposing ceremony which those who witnessed it will be slow to forget."

Isle of Wight Observer 15 June 1907

The flag flew from a staff in the centre of the playgrounds attached to St John's Road Upper Mixed and Boys' Schools. All of the pupils from the schools in the town, about 1200, and teachers were assembled for the ceremony. In return the schoolchildren of Ryde, Isle of Wight, sent about 400 picture postcards and views to the young people of Ryde, New South Wales. Some senior pupils also sent letters and hoped new friends would be made.



Sources: 'The Church on the Hill, A History of St Anne's Anglican Church, Ryde, NSW' 1992, Isle of Wight Observer and www.ryderiversfestival.com

RYDE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

There are two places named Ryde in the United States, one in Sacramento County, California and the other in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania. Both are small hamlets with tiny populations founded in the late 1800s.

Ryde, Sacramento County, California is located on the Sacramento River and 6 miles (9.7 km) north-northeast of Isleton. It was established in 1892 by William Kessner who built the community on land at Grand Island he purchased from Judge Williams. One of the former land owners was from the Isle of Wight and suggested it be named after Ryde, Isle of Wight.



Ryde, Mifflin County, Pennsylvania is located in south central Pennsylvania and it was a small settlement known as Shank's Run after the stream nearby. Previously it was named Mannayunk, but as this was too hard to say, write and spell, it was changed. It was renamed again, to Ryde, mostly to help the railroad have a name that fitted more easily on signs and timetables.

HOME FROM KANSAS

In this our Queen's Diamond Jubilee year when many visitors from distant parts returned to their native Britain to celebrate, back in 1887 Mr T Butler had a desire to return from America and celebrate Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee.

Isle of Wight Observer 2 July 1887

THE RETURN OF THE WANDERER - On Thursday, some little surprise was excited here by the arrival of Mr T Butler, of Kansas City, Missouri, USA, a native of this town who, for nearly 35 years, has been domiciled in the States. In the year 1852, Mr T Butler, then a child, left with his father, Mr John Butler (brother to the late Mr George Butler, of Ryde), for America. There the family have been settled since, and appear to take very kindly to Republican institutions. About a fortnight ago, Mr Butler, depressed by family affliction, thinking he would like to see the home of his boyhood once more, packed up his things and started. His unexpected visit to his remaining relatives excited much pleasurable surprise, and we trust he will be able to take back to his friends in America a favourable account of the old country. It was Mr Butler's desire to get here to see the Jubilee Celebrations, but unfortunately he somewhat delayed his departure from home. The incident is worth recording, as it not only shows the many ties which unite us to America, but also illustrates the case and pleasure now attending the trip across the Atlantic, very different indeed to the circumstances under which the voyage had to be made 30 years ago.

AMERICAN EAGLE



Isle of Wight Observer 18 May 1912

THE GILDED EAGLE which used to adorn the stern of the famous schooner America which won the American Cup in the race round the Isle of Wight in 1851, has been presented by the Duke of Sutherland to the New York Yacht Club. For many years the eagle was a conspicuous ornament on the outside of the Eagle Hotel, Ryde. It was purchased by Messrs Purnell and Purnell, who ultimately disposed of it to a member of the Royal Yacht Squadron. Thus the American Eagle, after a long sojourn in England has returned to its native land.

After its return to America a replica eagle was commissioned and erected on top of the hotel where it remained a Ryde landmark for decades. It was removed some years ago due to safety concerns.

Photograph courtesy of Isle of Wight Record Office

THE RECURRING TUNNEL DEBATE

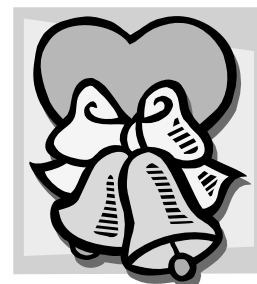
Isle of Wight Observer 20 January 1912

SOLENT TUNNEL - There is no doubt that a tunnel would bring greatly increased traffic from the mainland to the Island and vice versa. The tunnel would afford great facilities for the rapid transport of troops, arms, and ammunition to the Island; and if it were reserved as a place of exercise and holiday enjoyment for lads in training at school for military purposes, occasional trips to the Island would greatly encourage such school training.

HONEYMOON DESTINATIONS

MARRIAGE Isle of Wight Observer 25 December 1858

The marriage of Captain George Hancock, RN with the youthful and beautiful Contessina Maria Metaxa, only surviving child of the Conte and Contessa Metaxa Ansolato, was solemnised on Tuesday last at the Church of St Thomas in the presence of a large circle of the friends and relatives of both families. Early in the afternoon the bride and bridegroom left for Folkestone, en route for the continent.



FASHIONABLE WEDDING IN RYDE Isle of Wight Times 10 June 1880

On Tuesday morning a considerable amount of pleasurable excitement was visible in this town the occasion being the celebration of the marriage between Mr George Godwin Stancomb and Miss Elizabeth Alty, who are well known in Ryde and the neighbourhood. After the ceremony the bride and bridegroom left for London *en route* for the Continent, amid the congratulations and good wishes of their relatives and friends. The bride's travelling costume was of fawn coloured cashmere, trimmed with gold brocade; hat was chip with ostrich feathers to match.

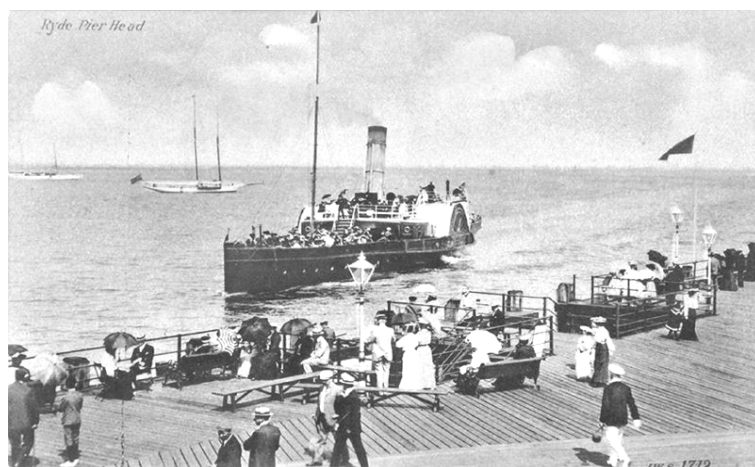
PRETTY WEDDING Isle of Wight Observer 14 July 1894

A pretty wedding was celebrated at Holy Trinity Church, on Thursday, the contracting parties being Miss Emily Cave, daughter of Mr Frank Cave, of Player Street, and Mr Frank William Hansford, secretary of the Vectis Rowing Club, and son of Mr Anthony Young Hansford, of Ryde. The happy pair left later in the day for the Channel Islands where the honeymoon will be spent.

WEDDING Isle of Wight County Press 13 April 1912

An interesting wedding took place at St Thomas's Church on Tuesday, between Mr Albert Prewer, of Trafalgar House, Weston-super-Mare, the late popular and zealous secretary of the Ryde YMCA, and Miss Evelyn Mary Teague, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Teague, of Woodside, St John's Park...The honeymoon will be spent in Switzerland. The bride's going-away dress was of saxe blue cloth and blue silk hat, with black plumes.

BACK AND FORTH



Many of the wealthier families in Ryde frequently travelled back and forth to various parts of the Continent, often spending several months away.

Isle of Wight Observer 8 October 1859 - The Hon. W and Mrs Stourton and family left their residence, Elvington House, on Tuesday last for Brussels.

Isle of Wight Observer 8 October 1859 - Mr and Miss Cramer have returned from their Continental tour to Eastmount, after an absence of three months.

Isle of Wight Observer 5 October 1861 - Mr Charles Cavendish Clifford, MP, arrived at Westfield on Thursday, from the Continent.

Isle of Wight Observer 30 November 1861 - Mr and Miss Warren Hastings Anderson arrived at their residence Beldornie Tower, on Monday, after a three months' Continental tour.

ARRIVALS / DEPARTURES AT RYDE

27 July 1861 - Arrivals at the Pier Hotel - Prince and Princess D'Angri.

27 July 1861 - The Prince and Princess Angri Doria and family, from Naples, have been on a visit to Mr Warren Hastings Anderson, at Beldornie Tower.

30 July 1864 - Prince Bariatinsky (*of Prussia*) has taken Winchelsea House for the season.

9 September 1865 - General and Madame Zelaziewitch and Miss Potts have returned from the German Spa to their residence, St John's Park.

30 July 1872 - For the past few days the Japanese Ambassador and suite have been staying at the Pier Hotel.

Source: Isle of Wight Observer and Isle of Wight Times

FURTHER AUSTRALIAN LINKS - WEDDINGS AND WAR SERVICE

The following marriages took place in Victoria, Melbourne, Australia and are listed on the Federation Index 1866-1901
(*The first name on each line is the person born in Ryde*)

BRODERICK Zenobia Virginia married 1893 Ralph Ward TOMLINSON

Zenobia Virginia Broderick was the daughter of the photographer Frederick Nutt Broderick who lived in West Street. For many years Mr Broderick ran his business in St Thomas' Square as an engraver, stationer, lithographer, and photographer, and formerly published a little satirical journal, *The Earwig*, which once a month gave an amusing cartoon relating to local events.

WILLCOX Louisa Caroline married 1878 Henry WILLIAMSON

FRAMPTON Mark James married 1880 Elizabeth Ann NEWMAN

HOBSON Miriam Mary married 1888 Thomas Colin SHARP

BOYCE Samuel Percy married 1888 Mary Ann Scott SWAN

MORRIS Augustus Prower married 1891 Augusta Ellen LEE

SMITH Frank Gordon married 1900 Isabella Martha CONE

RAYNER Henry Redstone married 1901 Emily Ellen EDWARDS

BUTLER Alice Sarah married 1909 James Joseph LEVENS.

WILLIS Mabel May married 1910 John James ANDERSON

WILLIS James Henry married 1912 Edith Maud HILL



AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE PERSONNEL WORLD WAR TWO (Listed as being born on Isle of Wight)

Further information at the Australian Archives for these people includes: Date of enlistment, Locality on enlistment, Place of enlistment, Next of kin, Date of discharge, Rank, Posting on discharge, WW2 Honours & Gallantry, Prisoners of War.

Name: ANDREWS Edward George

Service No: Q226278

Date of Birth: 10 August 1903

Place of Birth: Ryde, Isle of Wight

Service: Army

Name: HALLETT Archibald Robert

Service No: VX33103

Date of Birth: 17 November 1909

Place of Birth: Ryde, Isle of Wight

Service: Army

Name: HALLETT Frank Frederick Cuthbert

Service No: VX36810

Date of Birth: 17 February 1904

Place of Birth: Ryde, Isle of Wight

Service: Army

Name: CARTER Richard John

Service No: 73946

Date of Birth: 7 February 1904

Place of Birth: St Helens, Isle of Wight

Service: RAAF



WILD ADVENTURES



LABILLADIÈRE, Savage, New Caledonia,
Throwing Dart

LIVING WITH CANNIBALS

Isle of Wight Observer 21 September 1912

MISSION WORK AMONGST CANNIBALS - The Rev Fred J Paton (son of the late Dr John G Paton), missionary of Malekula Island, New Hebrides, was in Ryde on Tuesday, when he addressed two meetings, giving thrilling accounts of his 20 years missionary work with the Southern Cannibals. On Tuesday afternoon he addressed a meeting in the YMCA Lecture Hall. He then gave a most interesting account of the New Hebrides Mission from the days of John Williams, the first missionary to the New Hebrides. Mr W G Daish presided over a fairly well attended meeting in the small Town Hall in the evening. The Rev Mr Paton told his story of his work in the New Hebrides, giving some gruesome anecdotes of the natives of his sphere of work. Concluding, he made an appeal for assistance towards the "John S Paton Mission Fund" and asked for the prayers and sympathy of the audience.

THE NEW HEBRIDES was the colonial name for an island group in the South Pacific that now forms the nation of Vanuatu. The New Hebrides were colonized by both the British and French in the 18th century shortly after Captain James Cook visited the islands. The two countries eventually signed an agreement making the islands an Anglo-French condominium, which lasted from 1906 until 1980, when the New Hebrides gained their independence as Vanuatu.

WILD AUSTRALIA

Isle of Wight Observer 13 July 1912

An exhibition which will be very interesting to both children and adults is "Wild Australia", which is coming to Ryde on Thursday and Friday next. During the past few years interest in our colonies has been increasing and the representation of the great colony of Australia will be very welcome. The exhibition seems to be about as varied as one could expect in such a show, but what will appeal most strongly to the majority of the audience is the exhibition of riding which will be given by various members of the company. They will show how buck-jumpers can be ridden with ordinary English saddles. In addition there will be exhibitions of revolver and rifle shooting, log chopping, tricks with the stock whip, handling great snakes and crocodiles, and other displays of courage and dexterity.

Isle of Wight Observer 20 July 1912

All the people in Ryde went to Wild Australia on Thursday and Friday evening, and saw an exhibition of riding rough horses, lasso practice, stock whip cracking, etc. The greatest fun was caused by a number of Ryde lads who endeavoured to ride bucking mules and ponies, giving a very good display of pluck if not horsemanship.

WILD CANADIAN CAMP

Isle of Wight Times 25 November 1886

THE PERILS OF WILD LIFE IN CAMP - Mr H Weeks, of Lind Street, has just received intelligence of a somewhat severe accident which has befallen his son, Mr J W Weeks, now stationed near Maple Creek, North West Territory, Canada. It appears he was riding some seven or eight miles away from his camp in a desolate region. His horse, which was young and frisky, bolted, and a struggle ensued for the mastery. Unfortunately the reign broke close to the bit, the sudden jerk, throwing the horse down and sending the rider clean over his head. Mr Weeks was rendered insensible, and on recovering found his steed gone and that he had received injuries in the region of his shoulder. He managed painfully to make his way back to camp, but it was impossible to get a doctor till the next day, when it was found that the injuries consisted of a severe dislocation of the shoulder. The doctor asserts that the effects of the accident are likely to last several years. Mr Weeks expects to return to England about May or June.



NOT SO WILD! FROM CONVENT TO PALACE

Isle of Wight County Press 17 October 1911 - **PRINCESS ZITA OF BOURBON** - The marriage takes place tomorrow (Saturday) of Princess Zita of Bourbon-Parma, who was until recently an inmate of the Benedictine Convent at Appley. The Princess, who is only nineteen years of age, is to marry the Archduke Charles Francis Joseph, who stands next to Francis Ferdinand and in succession to the Dual Throne of Austria-Hungary. The wedding is the result of a love match. Picture source: Kauli Fine Arts website & information on New Hebrides from Wikipedia

JACKS ON THE MOVE

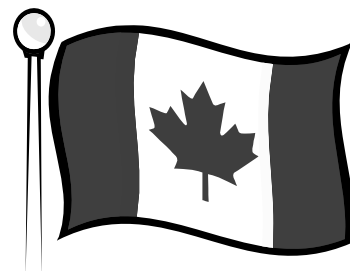


The advertising wall above Jaks Beauty Shop, Union Street. (Note the name has now been changed and repainted)

Isle of Wight Times 19 October 1961 - **BUSINESS SOLD.** Mr Jack Wyatt, of Jack's Beauty Shop, Union Street, this week sold his Southsea business to Robert Fielding of London. His Ryde business - a 60 seater now - is to be extended this winter to accommodate another dozen clients. Tomorrow Mr and Mrs Wyatt begin a three week's cruise to the West Indies for a holiday.

Isle of Wight Times 22 March 1962 - **OFF TO USA.** Ryde hair stylist Paul Wyatt, 22 year-old son of Mr Jack Wyatt, owner of Jack's Beauty Shop, leaves on "La France" tomorrow to work for a year in the USA with Vincent of Washington, who has a chain of nearly 20 salons in Washington.

Isle of Wight Observer 9 March 1912 - **OFF TO CANADA.** A smoking concert arranged for the purpose of saying farewell to Mr F Grinham and Mr T Ibbotson of the firm of Messrs W H Smith and Son, who are leaving shortly for Canada, was held at Sivier's Hotel, on Thursday evening. Mr Andrews the local manager presented Grinham and Ibbotson with a purse of money subscribed by the employees and a number of customers.



NEWS FROM AFRICA

Isle of Wight Times 15 November 1906

COLONIAL BISHOP - It is announced that the Rev W M Cameron, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Ryde, is to be Coadjutor Bishop of Capetown and it is expected he will leave Ryde early in the New Year. The Rev gentleman has previously laboured in South Africa.

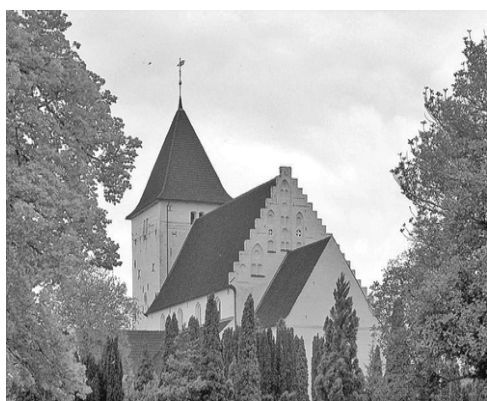
Isle of Wight Times 4 October 1956

BALLOON RACE - An Island balloon landed in Algeria after drifting 1,050 miles. A French Army

Captain found the winning ticket, which was released in the "Balloon Race" organised by the Ryde and Newport Round Table, to raise money for spastics.



MORE RYDE'S WORLDWIDE - DID YOU KNOW?



Ryde Kirke, Demark
www.adenmarkattraction.com

Mount Ryde is a developing settlement near Longreach, Central West Queensland, Australia.

Ryde Falls are in Oxford Forest near Christchurch, South Island, New Zealand with Ryde Stream connected to them.

Ryde Lake and its small town of Ryde are in Ontario, Canada.

Ryde is a town in Denmark in the state/region of Midtjylland with a population of under 1000. In South Denmark, on the island of Lolland, is an old and very pretty church, Ryde Kirke, which is a popular tourist attraction.



Ryde Falls, New Zealand
www.tramper.co.nz

Isle of Wight Times 16 August 1962: **PEN PAL WANTED.** Dear Sir, Would you please publish my name for a pen pal in the Isle of Wight. I am a 15 year old girl and would like a girl friend the same age. My hobbies include cycling, dogs, radio listening, stamp collecting and learning about other countries.
Yours sincerely, Margaret Thwaites, New Zealand.