

MARRIAGE: 1933 at All Saints' Church, Ryde, IW.
Arthur Thomas RABBITTS & Clara Lilian Blanche COOK

1933 REGISTER OF ELECTORS - 43 West-street, Ryde
RABBITT Arthur Thomas

1947 REGISTER OF ELECTORS - 36 High-street, Ryde
RABBITTS Arthur T.
RABBITTS Clara L.B.
RABBITTS Eliza

ISLE OF WIGHT TIMES Thursday 20th January 1949

FUNERAL OF A WELL-KNOWN TOWNSMAN

A representative congregation attended the memorial service at All Saints' Parish Church on Monday for Mr. **Arthur Thomas RABBITTS**, of 36 High-Street, the well-known businessman Mr. RABBITTS took an active interest in the affairs of the town. He was a member of the Medina Mark and the Chapter Lodges of Freemasons and was a member of the Ryde Businessmen's Association, Binstead Lodge of the R.O.A.B., and the Carnival Association.

Canon A. CORY. R.D. (Vicar) conducted the service, and Mr. W.L. REED (organist) accompanied the singing of the hymns "Ye Holy Angels Bright" and "Abide with Me." The mourners were Mrs. RABBITTS (widow), Miss Joan RABBITTS (daughter), Mr. H. RABBITTS (brother), Mrs. H. RABBITTS (sister-in-law also representing DOGGETT, sister), Mrs. L. COOK (mother-in-law), Mr. H. COOK, Mr. R. COOK and Mr. J. COOK (brothers-in-law), Miss P. COOK and Miss G. COOK (sisters-in-law), and Mr. R. HARLEY, Mr. E. JAMES, and Mr. E. LATHAM.

The members of the staff of Messrs. FREEMAN, HARDY and WILLIS attending were Mr. O.C. WRIGHT and Mr. A.W. MEDHURST (district inspectors), Mr. TILSBURY (relief manager), Mrs. D. GUY (Shanklin branch), and Miss M. MORRIS and Miss MURRAY (Ryde branch), and Miss LLOYD (Cowes branch).

The Freemasons present were; Mr. H.S. CASTLE W.M., Lieut. Col. C.L. ELLERY, Ald. A.F. WRIGHT J.P., Cllr. E.H. CASTLE, Messrs. T.E. GIBSON, F.W.H. BAKER, F. PLENINGER, F. SALTER. M. OSBORNE, P.J. MILSOM, H.E. MOREY (also representing Major J.G. FARDELL), F. BRICKALL, T. PRAGNELL, J.R. DIXON, H. GAGE, W.G.F. SUTTON, T.B. JONES, J.C. JOHNCOX, A. PHILLIPS, D.G. TIMS, G. SWAIN, S. BLYTHE, F.C. HARVEY, Wellesley BUTT, W.J.G. NEW, H. COLLYER, S.J. SMITH, B. HOLBROOK and J. SCOTT, (East Medina Lodge), A.L. BROWNE (Ryde Lodge), J.D. RIDDICK (Chine Lodge), J.L. GREENHAM and L. HARDY (Spithead Lodge), and J. PERKIS (Sandown Lodge).

Others present included Mr. F.W. DOWDELL, Mr. C.G. NEWMAN and Mr. C. WARNE (representing the Ryde Regatta Committee and Carnival Association), Mrs. R.J. WHITE, (also representing Mr. WHITE, secretary) and Mr. S. KEMP (vice-chairman), Mr. H.J. JENNINGS and Mr. E. CALLAWAY (Hampshire Friendly) and Mr. R.A.W. TUTTE (representing the Conservative Club), Mr. E. GROOM and Mr. J.H. MAY (representing Messrs. Olivers), Mr. J. WHITEWOOD (representing Messrs. G.J. WHITEWOOD and Son Ltd.), Mr. and Mrs. G.H. SEEDMAN, Mesdames C.G. NEWMAN, E. WEALTHY, A.C. DORE, H. SIMMONDS, F. OAK, (also representing Mr. OAK), JOHNCOX (also representing Mr. H.E. JOHNCOX), V. ATTRILL, TRUCKLE, O.M. WHITTINGSTALL, W. ATTRILL (also representing Mr. ATTRILL), and S. KEMP, Miss DANIELL, (also representing Mr. and Mrs. DANIELL), and Messrs. H. LEAL, H.F. HAYES, A.T. HODGES, A.J. ARCHER, S. BUSBY, W.C. BUDD, W.H. TURNER, and C. FORER.

Following the service, the coffin was taken to the Masonic Hall, John-Street, Ryde, where a service was conducted by Canon A. CORY.

Cremation took place at Southampton on Tuesday. Among the many floral tributes received were tokens from the directors of FREEMAN HARDY and WILLIS and brother managers of the company.

Mrs. A.T. RABBITTS and daughter express their thanks to Dr. T. SIM for his kind attention. Mr. T. GIBSON for his great kindness, and also to friends and neighbours for beautiful floral tributes and letters of sympathy, which are too numerous to answer individually. Please accept this as the only intimation. No mourning by request.

NB: Arthur's widow went on to marry again in 1970, to Edward Victor BENNETT.

Cremation:

Entry 35763 - Clara Lilian BENNETT 26/10/1992 aged 84

Entry 18448 - Edward Victor BENNETT 21/5/1980 aged 71

Researched & typed by
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