

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 26th May 1894

DEATH OF MR JAMES LAKE. – We have to record the death of another of the old Ryde tradesmen, Mr James LAKE, which occurred on Saturday last at his residence in St. Thomas's Street. Mr LAKE (who had long passed the allotted span) for many years carried on the business of a brewer and cooper in the High Street, at the premises now known as the Lion Brewery, and had a reputation for brewing very good ale. He, however, sold his business some years ago, and has lived a retired life ever since. The deceased was a great lover of Shakespeare. He could always find Shakesperian quotations suitable for any circumstances, or declaim, as long as he had a sympathetic listener, passages from his favourite bard. Mr LAKE took a great interest in Oddfellowship, and was one of the first to join the East Medina Lodge, of which he had been the G.M., and many of the older generation of Ryders will learn with regret that one so well known and intimately associated with the Ryde of 30 years ago has passed to his rest.

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