ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PRESS Saturday 28th February 1891

DEATH OF SIR RICHARD SUTTON.---This sad event, which took place at the residence of the deceased's mother, St. John's Park, on Wednesday, from peritonitis, has caused widespread regret amongst a large circle of friends both in England and America. Deceased was the son of the fourth baronet, and was born in 1853. He succeeded to the baronetcy in 1878. In 1887 he was high sheriff of Berks, and was the patron of three livings. He married Edith Constance, daughter of Sir Vincent CORBET, in 1888. Deceased was well known as the owner of the Genesta and Elmina, and from his attempt to win the American cup with the former. Sir Richard, who was on a visit to his mother, went over on Monday to see his sister at Bembridge, and on returning was taken ill. Messrs. RICH and DAVIES were called in, and the best advice that could be got secured, but without avail.

The interment will take place at Ryde today (Saturday). Lady LEVINGE, Lady LANGFORD, Mrs. MORETON, and Mrs. DU BOULAY are sisters of the deceased baronet. His next oldest brother, Arthur Edwin, is at present in Africa.

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PRESS Saturday 7th March 1891

FUNERAL OF SIR RICHARD SUTTON.---The remains of the late Sir Richard SUTTON were interred at the Cemetery on Saturday afternoon, in the presence of a large number of spectators, the Rev. H. EWBANK, M.A., officiating. The body was contained in a very handsome polished oak coffin with brass furniture, the inscription on the breastplate being "Richard Francis SUTTON, 5th baronet, born 20th December 1853, died 25th February 1891."

The mourners were Messrs. A. E. SUTTON, A. G. SUTTON, and H. C. SUTTON (brothers), Miss Maud SUTTON, and Miss Winifred SUTTON (sisters), Sir Vincent CORBET (father-in-law), Miss Maud SUTTON (sister-in-law), Mr. Gerald CORBET (brother-in-law), Lord LANGFORD, Sir W. LEVINGE, and Capt. DU BOULAY (brothers-in-law), Capt. Macdonald MORTON, Capt. O. B. COCHRANE, Sir Charles CUST, Mr. G. F. ROWLEY, Mr. BALDOCK, Mr. Hugh SUTTON, Capt. Frederick SUTTON, Mr. R. BINGHAM, and Mr. A. J. BINGHAM.

Amongst others attending at the Cemetery were the Town Clerk (Mr. J. Wilson FARDELL), Councillors GROVES, GURNELL, James H. SWEETMAN, and RANDS, Lieut. SCHOLEFIELD, and Messrs. Gaspard LE MARCHANT, E. RICH, J. D. DAVIES, C. SWEETMAN, H. MORGAN, W. G. DENNIS, E. HOOPER, and T. WILSON.

The coffin which was conveyed in an open car to the Cemetery, was literally covered with flowers of exquisite loveliness. Indeed such a display of floral tributes has never been seen before at a funeral in Ryde. The brick-grave was lined with evergreens, and flowers were thrown on the coffin together with the earth directed by the rubric in the office for the Burial of the Dead.

There was a lovely cross of lilies of the valley from "Constance" and another of double violets with the touching inscription "From his own Connie." The deceased's mother sent a wreath of eucharis, violets, lilies of the valley, and other beautiful blooms. Other tributes of affection bore the following names and inscriptions:--- "With loving thoughts and brightest hopes, Agnes," "In most loving memory from the sisters at Acton Reynald," "With deepest sympathy from Jane Hermione GRAHAM," "From his affectionate nieces," "From Tina and Langford," "A tribute of love and affection from Dowie and Ernest DU BOULAY," "Capt. SUTTON and Lady Evelyn SUTTON," "Mr. W. S. DUNN," "Nann," "Harry and Judith," "Maud," "With Mrs. STEWART's affectionate regards," "With much love and affection from Isabel, Charles, and Orlando CUST," "From Mrs. Charles SUTTON," "From Thomas and Anna," "From Miss SUTTON with sincere sympathy," "With Hilda's fondest love," "Mabel and Gerald," "A token of affection and esteem from Mr. and Mrs. BINGHAM," "Arthur and Leila," "Zoe and Winnie," "Kitty," "Mr. Gaspard T. LE MARCHANT," "Col. L. LE MARCHANT," "The Dowager Lady SUTTON's servants."

On Sunday other wreaths and crosses were placed on the grave, which was visited by large numbers of people. During the funeral several of the tradesmen put up shutters as a token of respect for the memory of the departed baronet, for whose young widow and the members of whose family the sincerest sympathy is felt in the town.

Messrs. COOMBES carried out the funeral arrangements.

Researched by Ann Barrett