

Southsea was being erected and my grandfather took over No 11 and acted as carpenter for the whole work in that house at least this venerable pair lived there until each died, grandma in 1906, and grandfather in 1915 both being buried at Eastney. My own parents are lying next to my grandparents, father interred in 1884, mother in 1931. My grandfather retired from the "yard" Feby. 5. 1887 on pension. His son (my father) entered the yard as carpenter Jany.5. 1875 and died June 15th 1884 in the midst of his labours, leaving a widow and four young children, one posthumous, born the day after his demise, and who by the way lived to be sixty years and eight days of age.

My grandfather and grandmother met at Ryde, he an apprentice aged 19½, and she a lady's companion at that time around 1851, here is proof of this assertion taken from the Census records at Chancery Lane by me on 23rd Feb. 1938:-

As at 1851 RYDE:-

- Mary Jane Berryman, age 24, born Penryn, 1828, lady's maid to--
- Cramer M.A. born Edinburgh, wife of Chas. C. Cramer .
- Charles, age 13 born St Petersburg, son of " " "
- " Flora age 11 born Tours, France dau' of " " "
- " Benedict Francis, age 1 born St Petersburg, son of " " "
- Dawkins Priscilla age 21 born Southampton (probably a maid)

(Note the Cramers were a travelling family, wonder if to do with the piano firm?)

This family were living at "Johanna House" Melville Street. Now where was Grandpa at this time ??

We find him at 42 Newport Road, Ryde and described as- age 19½ carpenters' apprentice, born "I of W"

\*with-Miller Fanny, age 51 wife of- Miller James Cook, age 52 Bricklayer & Builder, born "I of W"

Note-My grandad's mother was widowed in 1833 and she remarried in 1847 at Kingston Church, Portsmouth one J.C. Miller, her maiden name was Frances Chandler, born at Clymping (Census says Bognor).

Another relative at Ryde at 13 Brunswick St (Robt. Newman here 1859) was CHANDLER William aged 44 born Clymping. carpenter.

He died at Green St Ryde Nov. 28. 1886 aged 82 (was witness to 2nd marriage of Frances Chandler)

and MARY (Hatcher) his wife aged 44 born Newchurch Ryde. D May 6. 1877 (72) <sup>age</sup>

This pair had children Fanny born 1835

Charlotte B Feb. 12. 1837

William born 1841

Thomas born Aug. 3. 1845 (died 1911 Ryde)

(The latter Thomas's wife Louisa died June. 14. 1930 aged 85 Ryde)

Louise Marie their infant died Mar. 22. 1878.

\*Fanny (Frances) Miller formerly Newnham nee Chandler died at 11 The Avenue S'sea Aug. 28. 1883 aged 83 buried Ryde with Miller.

James Cook Miller (2nd Husband) died Ryde Sept. 26. 1880 aged 82.