

William Robert Hogg (C.1844-1928) Photographer

The son of *Jonas* and *Harriet*, *William Robert Hogg* was born circa 1844, reputedly in Southampton. Although the date and place of his birth is consistent in census returns from 1851 to 1901, no actual record of his birth has been discovered.

Around 1860, William and his older brother *George* went to live in Ryde with their uncle *Henry Osman* and his family. Henry Osman was a baker in the High Street. In the 1861 census, William was working as a baker and grocer, most likely at Henry's shop.

In 1865 William married *Maria Whitney* of Ryde at All Saints Church, Newchurch. By 1871, William (described as a 26-year-old photographic artist) and his family were living at 2, Victoria Street, Ryde - the house previously occupied by Maria's parents.



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View of Arreton Manor and the farm pond.

The 1881 census describes William as a photographic assistant. He was employed by the photographer *Jabez Hughes* at Regina House, 60 Union Street, Ryde. Hughes had gained royal patronage and William frequently photographed *Queen Victoria* and members of the royal family at Osborne House.



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Crowds promenading on a seafront.
Possibly 'The Green', Cowes. Circa. 1910-1920s.



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View of two women with children walking
down a path to the beach. Showing the
thatched cottage at Monks Bay, Bonchurch.

William's wife Maria died in 1896 and by 1901, William and three of his children had moved again, this time to 5 George Street, Ryde.

In the 1901 census William was still described as a photographer, however in the Kelly's Directories for 1898 and 1899 he was listed as a tobacconist.

Kelly's Directory of 1915 shows William was running a tobacconist and sub post office at 3 George Street. Although William may have given up photography as a career, he still took his plate camera around Ryde and even produced a series of postcard views. He was also commissioned to photograph local families and their homes.



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Three men standing outside Arreton Vicarage.

William Hogg died in November 1928 at the age of 84 and was buried with his wife at Ryde Cemetery.



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Ryde Cemetery looking down one of the aisles.

All photographs by William Hogg.