

Death of Mr. Edward Martin

Another of the ever diminishing band of hardy pioneers who "blazed the track" in this State, departed this life on Wednesday last in the person of Mr Edward Martin, of York road, Seabrook, at the ag. of 67 years. He had been a sufferer from chronic asthma for very many years, and that complaint, together with heart failure, was the cause of death. He was the fifth sonne of the late Mr William Martin, one of the very first settlers who came to this State in 1829 (the year of the colonisation of Western Australia), and he died at the instigation of Mr Peel, who had secured a concession of 250,000 acres between Mandurah and Bunbury in consideration of his investing upon it a certain amount of capital and taking out a certain number of people. The land proved to be of poor quality, and soon the settlers were in sore straits. Many of them migrated to the Eastern States, but old Mr Martin was one of those who remained in W.A. He married and settled in the Swan district, and some years later (in 1849) he, with his wife and family—the late Mr Edward Martin then being only three years old—travelled across the hills and settled in this district, and started farming at "Sandgate." For many years Mr Edward Martin farmed his well-known property on the York road, his residence having been built opposite the site of his first home in the Northam district. Two brothers, Messrs George Martin, of Goomalling road, and Samuel Martin, of Meenaar, and four sisters, Mesdames Minchin (Swan), Christmass (Northam), Anderson (Swan) and Ramplin (York) survive him, whilst his eldest brother, Mr John Martin, died two years ago. His widow predeceased him some years, but an only son, Valentine, is left to mourn his loss.

The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon, the place of interment being the Anglican portion of the Northam Cemetery, the Rev. J. P. Davoren officiating at the graveside. The chief mourners were Mr Valentine Martin (son), the deceased's brothers and sisters, and several nephews and nieces. The pall-bearers were Messrs.

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