

Death of an old Colonist.

MRS. HANNAH CHRISTMASS

One of the oldest residents of Western Australia in the person of Mrs. Hannah Christmass died at the Northam Hospital on August 17, at the age of 89 years. She was born in 1837 at Middle Swan. When sixteen she married the late Mr. Charles Christmass, son of George Christmass, one of the first settlers in the Northam district. After living at York for two years the young couple took up their residence at what is now known as Coonine and there they engaged in farming pursuits. Later they removed to the old homestead on the Grass Valley road and farmed and grazed sheep for many years, the property being a most extensive one, consisting of several thousands of acres. There was a family of sixteen, ten of whom are still living. They are Messrs. William, Charles, Edward and John Christmass (sons), Mesdames Pritchard, G. Gale, F. Forward, G. Forward and J. Ralph (daughters). Also there are seventy-six grandchildren, 120 great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren. Since a young woman the deceased lady had suffered from a bad leg and only on one occasion had she visited Perth in her long life time. During late years she has been blind but her infirmities had been borne with great fortitude. The funeral took place on August 18 and was very largely attended by mourners from all parts of the State. Funeral arrangements were conducted by J. W. Purslowe, Northam.