

Death of Mrs. Honorah White,

A SETTLER OF 55 YEARS.

The death occurred on Sunday evening last of Mrs Honorah White, one of the oldest and most highly esteemed settlers in the Eastern districts. The deceased lady had reached the advanced age of seventy-five and a half years, but was still apparently in the possession of good health. Until recently she lived on her property at Yarramony, but for the past year or two she made her home in Northam, though she continued to take a lively interest in her extensive farming properties. On Sunday morning last she attended mass, but on that evening she succumbed to heart failure, brought about most probably by the extreme heat.

The records of colonial settlement contain few more interesting careers than that of Mrs Honorah White. Her maiden name was Honorah Toohey, and she was born in the town of Na neagh, county Tipperary, Ireland. She came to Australia as a girl of twenty in the ship Travencore, which reached Fremantle on January 3, 1852. Amongst the passengers by the same vessel were four other ladies who are entitled to rank with the pioneers of the Eastern agricultural districts—the late Mrs French, of Irishtown, the late Mrs Yates, Mrs Hoddy, and Mrs Carroll. The year after her arrival—on May 19, 1853—Honorah Toohey married William White. Five sons and four daughters were the issue of the marriage, but in 1884 Mr. White died. Left a widow with a family of young children Mrs White had a particularly difficult path in life, but she proved herself to be possessed of tireless energy, of great business capacity and of exceptional devotion to her children. With the aid of her growing sons she built up a splendid property at Yarramony, and for many years past she has been very comfortably circumstanced. The sad news of her sudden death came as a shock to the community, by all sections of which she was held in the highest respect. She leaves five sons and four daughters, forty-one grandchildren, and eleven great grandchildren.

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The funeral took place on Monday afternoon, and notwithstanding the short notice it proved one of the largest ever held in the district. Relatives, neighbors, and friends from the Yarramony, Jennacubbine, and Jenapullen districts attended in large numbers, whilst most of the leading Northam townspeople also followed the cortege. The funeral procession contained over one hundred vehicles, and constituted a striking tribute to the esteem and affection in which the deceased lady was held.

The remains, enclosed in a coffin of polished jarrah with massive silver mountings, were removed from deceased's late residence to St. Joseph's Church, where the Rev Father Walsh conducted an impressive service. From thence the funeral proceeded to the Roman Catholic portion of the Northam cemetery, where the Rev Father Walsh conducted the service at the grave. The pall bearers were Messrs M. O'Neill, sen., J. Coyne, sen., P. Ryan, sen., and Geo. Allington. The following sent wreaths and floral tributes:—Sons and daughters, Mrs Jno White, Mr W. H., Mrs., and Miss Leeson, Hon. Geo. and Miss Throssell, Mr Archibald and family, Mr and Mrs W. Dutton, and little Thelma, Mr Geo Dutton, Mr and Mrs J. Dutton and family, Mr and Mrs W. Jones and family, Messrs Dyer & Jollett, Mr and Mrs W. J. Stewart and family, State Machinery Co., Throssell, Son, and Stewart, Mr and Mrs E. Wyatt, Glad Meeres, Ted and Alice Peters, Maud, Mrs Alice Farmer, Mr and Mrs Bowen Messrs H. & H. Withnell, Mr and Mrs P. Yates, Mr and Mrs J. Leeder, Mrs Fraser, Mr and Mrs Nicholson, Mrs Sunderland and Miss Yates, Mr and Mrs O'Hara, Mrs H. Withnell, Mrs P. McMahon and family, Mrs M. Maloney and Miss A. Maloney, Mrs Cody and Mrs Connell, Mr and Mrs Devlin, Mr. and Mrs J. Watson, Mr and Mrs Jas. Freund, Mr and Mrs E. Pettit, Mr and Mrs W. S. Smith, Mr and Mrs E. Ryan (Northam), Mr and Mrs M. J. Walsh.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs, H. & H. Withnell.