

Death of Mr R. T. Eaton

On Thursday morning last an accident which terminated, fatally, occurred to Mr R. T. Eaton, one of the oldest residents of Goomalling. The deceased gentleman had driven up to Goomalling and after completing his business started for the residence of his daughter, Mrs E. French. When nearing the house the horse got out of control, and bolted, the sulky striking the gate post. Continuing its career until it reached the fence surrounding the house, which it struck with some force, overturning the sulky. Mr Eaton was thrown out and severely injured. Dr Scott was sent for and on examination it was found that several ribs had been fractured, whilst his lungs had also received injuries. Pleurisy set in and with heart failure was responsible for his death, which took place on Monday morning. The deceased was the eldest son of Mr and Mrs Richard Eaton, and was born at Maidstone, Kent, sixty-nine years ago. He came out to Western Australia in June, 1852, and for over twenty years was a resident of the North West, having gone there with Messrs Jas. Wilkerson, Vireash and Middleton. Some twenty years ago he settled in Goomalling, and had resided in the district ever since. He leaves a grown-up family of three sons and four daughters, viz, Messrs W. H., R. H., and E. A. Eaton, and Mrs J. French (jun), Mrs E. French, Mrs Aubrey Eaton and Mrs Paton. Mrs Eaton pre-deceased her husband by five years.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, and was very largely attended. The cortege left the residence of the deceased's daughter, Mrs E. French, and proceeded to the Church of England portion of the Northam cemetery, where the burial service was read by Rev. R. H. Moore. The pall-bearers were Messrs W. J. Morgan, J.P., Jas. Wilkerson, J.P., Jas. Williams and John French (sen). Numerous floral tributes were forwarded, among which were those from Mr J. Friend and family; Mr and Mrs J. McManus; Miss Ronald, sister Alice, Mr and Mrs G. T. Wilkerson; Johnnie and Emily; Dick and Ted; May and Beatrice; Aubrey and Alice; A. J. Hoddy and family; Mr and Mrs Geo. Slater; Dick and Mary; Will and Nell; Martha and

Mary; Will and Nell; Martha and family; Ada and Ernie; Mr J. Morgan; Mr Losky and family; Mr and Mrs G. Powell; Annie and Jack; Mrs York and Ellen; Alice and Fred; Mr and Mrs Bourke; Aggie, Daisy Morrell and Ellen; Ernest and Ada; Jack and Mimmie; Mr and Mrs Fitzgerald; Mr French and H. and H. Withnell. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs H. and H. Withnell.