

An Old Settler.

DEATH OF MR. BENJAMIN JESSUP

There passed away in Northam on Monday last one of the pioneers of the district in the person of Mr Benjamin Jessup, who had reached the advanced age of 90 years and nine months. The deceased gentleman came to Western Australia over 50 years ago, and had resided in Northam since 1865. He enjoyed good health right through his life, but on Saturday heart failure occurred, and he lingered till early on Monday morning, when he expired. He was a native of England, and was married in 1865, the year he came to Northam, to a daughter of Mr. Edward Pearl, of Fremantle. He leaves a widow, seven sons and four daughters, and there are also a large number of grandchildren.

The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon in the Anglican portion of the Northam cemetery, and was largely attended. The service was conducted by the Rev. Jas. Mason. The chief mourners were Messrs. William, Edward, David, Alfred, Walter, Christopher, and Fred Jessup (sons), M. Jeffrey (son-in-law), T. Smith (nephew), and Mr. James Monaghan. The pall-bearers were the Hon. Jas. Mitchell, M.L.A., Messrs. Jas. Byfield, H. Leeder, Jas. Wansborough, J. Harrison, sen., and W. Lyon. A large number of beautiful floral tributes were received. The remains were encased in a handsome jarrah casket with heavy silver mountings. The mortuary arrangements were conducted by Mr. J. W. Purslowe.

At the annual dinner of the Jennapullen Agricultural Society on Tuesday, the Minister for Lands (Mr. Jas. Mitchell), referred with regret to Mr. Jessup's death, and eulogised the good work he had done in the Northam district.