

Death of an Old Settler

MR JOHN CHARLES PLAYLE.

At Norwood Farm, near Clackline, *and about ten miles from Northam* on Wednesday morning last there passed away one of the pioneers of the Eastern agricultural districts. Mr John Charles Playle arrived in Western Australia in August, 1842, being then just 21 years of age. He was born in Essex, England, but for the past 65½ years he has resided continuously in Western Australia. Soon after his arrival in the State he came over the range to Newcastle, and upwards of a half-century ago he settled on the Norwood Farm, where his eldest son, now 47 years of age was born. The deceased leaves a widow and 11 children, 29 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren. The deceased gentleman had attained the age of 86 years and 5 months. Up to quite recently he was in the enjoyment of good health, but last winter he showed signs of breaking down. Three weeks ago he took to his bed, and early on Wednesday last he passed peacefully away