

DEATH OF AN OLD COLONIST.

The Late Mrs. Caroline Golding.

The death occurred yesterday at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. P. Povey, Seventh-avenue, Maylands, of Mrs. Caroline Golding, an old colonist, who was born in Perth 74 years ago. Mrs. Golding was a daughter of the late William Buggins, who built the Wesley Church, the second Congregational Church, the first Weld Club (on the site of the present Commercial Bank), and many other buildings in the 'sixties and 'seventies. He also built the foundations of the Perth Town Hall, the superstructure being the work of convicts. Mrs. Golding's grandmother, Mrs. Ann Farmer (later Watson), was one of the first white women to come to Perth, being in the first boat which brought the soldiers of the 63rd Regiment from H.M.S. Sulphur up the river to what was to be Perth on June 18, 1829—two months before Mrs. Dance put her axe to the famous tree and declared Perth a town.

Caroline Golding was the widow of the late Jesse Golding and was the mother of eight sons and five daughters, eleven of whom survive her. Some three months ago she had a fall and fractured a thigh, and although this was repaired by operation in the Perth Hospital the shock in the long run proved too much and brought about her death. An ardent Salvationist, most of her children holding high office in the army, her funeral will be conducted this afternoon with full Salvation Army honours after a short service at the Leederville citadel.