

Death of an Old Resident.

A very old resident of the Northam district in the person of Mr Edward Dudley, of Mt. Dick, passed away on Wednesday evening. The deceased gentleman, who was 70 years of age, has been in failing health for the past twelve months. Those who knew his iron constitution felt sure that he would survive his latest attack, but they were in error, as the heart failed and death resulted as stated. The deceased gentleman, who was widely respected in the district, was a native of Fremantle, having been born at the Port 70 years ago, being probably the oldest, or if not, one of the oldest native born white men in the State. At the age of 18 years he married Miss Ann Harding, a native of Ireland, and the result of the union was eleven children, seven of whom are now alive, viz :—Mr Rich. Dudley, Mt. Dick; Mr Wm. Dudley, Meenaar; Mr Jas. Dudley, Mt. Dick; Mr E. A. Dudley, Jurendine; Mrs H. Grant, wife of Mr Grant, carriage examiner, Northam; Mrs R. Matthews, Bentalling, Northam;

and Mrs Susan Dudley, of Northam. Mrs Wilkins, of Jurokine, is a sister of deceased, and Mr A. W. Demasson, of Newcastle, a brother-in-law. Mr R. Dudley, a brother of the deceased, died only three months ago. The deceased gentleman was in the early days a Sergeant of Police stationed at Mandurah, and when he severed his connection with the force he took up land, and, until his death, was closely identified with agricultural pursuits. During the whole of his life the late Mr Dudley was a close personal friend of the Hon. Geo. Throssell. The funeral was very largely attended by all the old residents of the district. The pall-bearers were—The Hon. Geo. Throssell, Mr Jas. Wicker-son, Mr R. Smith, and Mr R. Carter. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr Geo. Smith.