

**DEATH OF AN OLD  
COLONIST.**

**THE LATE MRS. THOMAS BROWN.  
A VERY OLD RESIDENT.**

The *Morning Post* (Geraldton) says:—It is our sad duty to have to record the death of another of the oldest residents of this district in the person of Mrs. Thomas Brown, the relict of the late Mr. Thomas Brown, Resident Magistrate of the Victoria District, and the mother of our most worthy Government Resident, Mr. Maitland Brown, J.P., who died at her residence, Guildford, on Thursday evening, at eight o'clock. The deceased lady had reached the ripe old age of 86 years, and was sitting in her chair, when she passed away quite peacefully. During the early part of the week, she appeared to be in the best of health, and was only ill a few hours before her death.

Mr. Brown had hardly quitted the funeral procession of the late Mr. William Macpherson, when he received the startling message announcing his mother's death. He was visibly affected and appeared to feel his loss very keenly. Mr. Brown at once made arrangements with regard to the duties pertaining to his office during his absence, and took his departure by train for Guildford, to attend the funeral, which took place on Saturday last.

We are informed that Mrs. Brown was the first white lady to come to this district, and with her good husband she gained the respect and esteem of the early settlers, and also those of later-

early settlers, and also those of later years, who learned to love the lady for her many kind actions to those in distress, and her bright and untiring efforts to gain that love which she undoubtedly possessed. We are sure that all of our readers will join with us in sympathising with Mr. Brown in his sad bereavement in the loss of a kind and loving parent, who will long be remembered as a model wife and mother, who lived the life of a true and noble woman.