

DEATH OF A PIONEER

Mr. F. W. Byfield Passes

A member of one of the earliest Western Australian pioneering families, Frederick William Byfield, of Northam, died at the age of 77, in the Northam Hospital about midnight on Thursday, and was buried in the Anglican portion of the Northam cemetery at 11 a.m. today. He is survived by a wife, five daughters and one son, three sons having predeceased him.

Mr. Byfield was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Byfield, who were among the very early Western Australian pioneers. He was born at Mahogany Creek, where his mother kept the Wayside Hotel, before the railway reached beyond Guildford. It is now used as a wayside tearooms. In his youth Mr. Byfield was apprenticed to the wheelwright trade in Northam, in association with his two brothers, the late James and John Byfield. He was a resident of Northam for about 40 years, and during the last 25 years was in business for himself as carpenter and general contractor.
