

Death Of Mr. Horace Withnell

Old residents of Northam, who knew him well, learned with regret of the death at his Claremont home last Friday of Mr. Horace Wilmott Withnell.

Born at Roebourne in 1872, the late Mr. Withnell was a son of the late John Withnell, a member of the family that chartered its own vessel and was among the pioneers of the North-West. With his brothers, Mr. Horace Withnell purchased a station property and remained in the North-West for about 20 years. Later, he and Mr. H. G. Withnell came to Northam and entered into business partnership. He was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1907.

It is of interest to note that in 1913 Mr. Withnell was president of the Northam Polo Club. His chief sporting interest however was in the turf and he was secretary and a committeeman of the Northam Race Club for many years. For over 30 years he was secretary of the Eastern Districts Racing Association and also acted as handicapper to that body. The late Mr. Withnell enjoyed the esteem and affection of a large number of friends during his lengthy residence in Northam and many had kept in touch with him since his retirement to the metropolitan area. He is survived by his widow and one son, Keith, and four daughters, Mesdames T. Swan, J. C. Taylor, F. O'Leary and D. Martin. Another son, Arthur, was killed in the World War II.