

DEATH OF AN OLD COLONIST.

Mrs Clarkson, sen., relict of the late Mr Michael Clarkson, died at her residence, North Newcastle, on Tuesday morning, aged 83 years, after an illness of four months. The deceased lady arrived in Western Australia in 1829, in the ship *Parmelia*, the first vessel to touch the shores of the Swan River Settlement after its foundation. She was then a girl of 16 years. Her father, the late Mr James Drummond, took up land in the Toodyay district, near the town of Newcastle, where he and his family resided for many years. His daughter, the subject of this sketch, married the late Michael Clarkson on November 7, 1833, and of their family of five sons and two daughters, the surviving members are Messrs B. D and J. S. Clarkson, of Newcastle; Mrs Durlacher, of Perth; and Mrs A. Dempster, of Muresk. The deceased also leaves a number of grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. A sister and brother survive her, namely, Mrs Ewan Mackintosh, of Glendearg, Toodyay, and Mr John Drummond, of Geraldton.
