

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN FARMER

One of Northam's best-known farmers, Mr. John McPherson, of "Bellmuggin" farm, Jennapullin, died at the Northam Hospital on Friday last at the age of 86 years.

The late Mr. McPherson was of Scottish descent, having been born at Gar-mouth, Elginshire, Scotland, on July 29, 1868, his father, the late Captain John McPherson, being engaged in the Mercantile Marine service.

He received his early education in his native village and left school at an early age to enter commercial pursuits. Four years later, in 1887, he came to Western Australia and for several years took various kinds of employment open to a young colonist. On the establishment of the Eastern Gold-fields, he undertook carting contracts to the scene of mining activity.

Eventually he disposed of his interests in this line of business in order to take up farming on his holding at Jennapullin. He was one of the founders of the Jennapullin Agricultural Society and for many years acted as a committeeman of that body. He was well-known as both the president and secretary of the society during its flourishing stages.

Taking a keen interest in politics, the late Mr. McPherson was secretary for some years of the old Liberal League. He also became widely known by his active interest in the Farmers and Settlers' Association, of which also he was secretary. He visited Scotland in 1906.

In 1888 he married Miss Emma Bonser, who died in 1914; there were two daughters by this marriage. Mr. McPherson married Miss

Lilly Ann Oliver in 1915 and is survived by four daughters and two sons. He was made a Justice of the Peace in 1923.

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Saturday, a service being conducted at St. Paul's Church by the Rev. W. E. Hopkins at 2.30 p.m. Interment was in the Presbyterian portion of the Northam Cemetery, the pall bearers being Messrs. Reg. Morrel, Ernie Watson, Lionel Lawrence, B. O'Neill, R. H. Forward, E. Watson, M. Brennan, Geo. Haddrill, H. Beard, J. Fuller.

(Funeral arrangements were conducted by J. W. Purslowe and Sons).