

Death of an Old Resident

Extreme regret was expressed on Wednesday, when it was learned that Mr. John Thomas Smith, one of the oldest and most respected residents of the Wongamine district, had died as the result of a sting from a bee, only about an hour elapsing between the time of the occurrence and his death. In the morning the deceased gentleman was engaged in his orchard in gathering fruit, when he was stung on the elbow by a bee, and he at once proceeded to the house to obtain a remedy for the sting, but he shortly afterwards collapsed, and as he had for some time been a sufferer from a weak heart, it was deemed advisable to summon Dr. Rockett, but before the arrival of that gentleman Mr. Smith had succumbed, death being attributable to heart failure. The deceased gentleman, who was 63 years of age, was a grandson of two of the earliest settlers of the State, and was born at Toodyay and had lived the whole of his life in the district. His parents for many years resided at Bailey Farm. His relatives are all well known residents of the district, his brothers being Messrs. Richard W., George H., Andrew, David and Lionel E. Smith, and his sisters Mesdames Davies (two), and Shaw. Two of his uncles, Messrs Alfred and George Smith, are residents of Toodyay, as well as three aunts. A widow, two sons and a daughter also survive him; one son, Herbert, is a resident of Sydney, and had only recently been on a visit to his parents. The other son, Aubrey, was on a visit to Busselton at the time of his father's death. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, and was very largely attended by representatives from all parts of the district.

The cortege left the deceased's residence and proceeded to the Anglican portion of the Northam Cemetery, where the interment took place, the funeral ceremony being performed by the Rev. A. L. Marshall. The chief

the Rev. A. L. Marshall. The chief mourners were Mr. Aubrey Smith (son), Messrs. Richard W., G. H., David, Andrew, and L. E. Smith (brothers), Mesdames Shaw and Davies (sisters), Messrs. R. McKay (York), and C. E. Bleckenden (Beverley) brothers-in-law, and several other relatives. The pall-bearers were Messrs T. Dennis, H. Oliver, J. French, Wm. Forward, W. Dudley, and W. H. Millard. The funeral arrangements were conducted by Mr. J. W. Purslowe.