

Death of Mrs. Mary York.

AT THE AGE OF 96 YEARS.

A COLONIST SINCE 1842.

On Saturday afternoon last there passed away at her residence—Wellington Street, East Northam—Mrs. Mary York, relict of the late Mr. Joseph York. The deceased lady had been in failing health for some few months, and on Friday morning, Nov. 19, she got out of bed, and when walking across the floor fell, sustaining a scalp wound. Dr. Rockett, who attended her, recognised that at her advanced age the injury was a serious one, and no doubt it hastened death, which took place at about 4.30 on last Saturday afternoon.

The late Mrs. York was born at Longbuckley, Northamptonshire, England, on February 10, 1814, so that at the time of her death she was within ten weeks of 96 years of age. On Dec. 21, 1834, she married Mr. Joseph York, and in 1842, on April 26, they left England in the "Simon Taylor," arriving at Fremantle after a long voyage, in August of the same year.

Mr. York was appointed manager of Mr. Phillips' station "Culham," near Newcastle, and some years afterwards returned to Perth. Subsequently he engaged in farming at Juandine, near Cleckline, and then started in Northam as a general storekeeper. He died on Jan. 3, 1886, at the age of 78 years. Since the death of her husband, Mrs. York has lived in Northam, having occupied the house in which she died for over forty years. Until quite recently she enjoyed excellent health, and manifested considerable interest in church and charitable matters. She had 5 children—two of whom, Mr. Harden York and Mrs. Fred. Morrell, still live in Northam—18 grandchildren, and 57 great-grandchildren—a total of 80 offspring.

The funeral proceeded from deceased's late residence, Wellington Street, on Sunday afternoon, and was very largely attended. The cortege proceeded to the Anglican portion of the Northam cemetery, the Rev. R. H. Moore officiating. The remains were encased in a massive jarrah casket with silver mountings. Around the grave were to be seen many of the old

pioneers of the district. The pallbearers were Messrs. W. Forward, H. Monger, senr., W. J. Stewart, and J. W. Morrell. The chief mourners were Mr. Harden York (son), Mr. Gooch, Gingin, (grandson). The remains were laid beside those of her late husband, Mr. Joseph York, who predeceased her 23 years ago. The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr. J. W. Purslowe. A number of very beautiful wreaths and floral tributes were sent by the following friends:—Harden and Anne, Ellen, Steve and Fanny, Will and Elsie, Bertie and Alice, Steve and Clara, Hillie and Minnie, Eckly and Laura, George and Fanny, Mr. and Mrs. W. Lyons, George and Bertha, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lockyer and family, Mrs. Chidlow and Mrs. Campbell, Bessie and James Morrell, Mrs. Gladys and Raymond, Mr. and Mrs. Turner and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. Byfield, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gilbert and Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. T. Sinclair and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. Solomon, Mrs. Monger and Miss Monger, Mr. and Mrs. Robins, Mr. J. H. Twine and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Mears, Mr. and Mrs. Woods, Mr. and Mrs. White, Mr. and Mrs. W. Forward and family, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Morrell and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs. Oldham, Mr. and Mrs. Beazley, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. and J. Byfield, Mrs. Bidwell and family, Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Cody, Mrs. Connell, Mr. and Mrs. Grover, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Sagar, Mrs. and Miss Gratte, Mr. and Mrs. Jessup, Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Rosevear, Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Freund and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stewart, Mrs. Farmer.