

## OBITUARY

### LATE MR. PATRICK WILLIAM GORMAN

A large number of friends and relatives were saddened on Friday, December 29, when they learned of the death of Patrick William Gorman at the Northam District Hospital. He was 63 years of age.

The late Mr. Gorman was born on the outskirts of Northam and was always interested in the district's welfare and development. At the age of 23 years he married Cecilia Forward, the fifth daughter of the late Mr. H. Forward of Malabaine.

His widow survives him and they were to have celebrated the 40th anniversary of their wedding this year. Two daughters also mourn the loss — Mrs. Chas. Marshall, of Duke-street, Northam, and Mrs. Jack Wedgewood, of Perth.

"Paddy" as he was always known to his many friends, was a genial personality and in his early thirties was a great cricketer. He was one of the first settlers in the Wongan Hills district and was engaged in farming pursuits there for over 28 years.

For many years a street in that town has borne his name in recognition of the part he played in the district's development.

Old-time residents of Northam will remember many years ago when the late Mr. Gorman narrowly escaped death while driving a team of horses in a plough. It was during a severe electrical storm when suddenly a terrific flash of lightning struck the plough. Two of the horses were killed and Mr. Gorman was knocked unconscious and badly burned. He suffered severe after effects.

Since returning to the Northam district about 11 years ago, after ceasing farming operations at Wongan Hills, the late Mr. Gorman was at various times in indifferent health but as always he retained his cheery disposition and even during the few weeks before his death he insisted on attending a lovely little Christmas party at his home to meet near relatives and friends.

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