

Death of an Old Settler.

Considerable surprise and regret was occasioned throughout the district on Friday of last week by the death of Mr Edward Ralph, of Bejording, who passed away after a very brief illness. Deceased gentleman was extremely well known, not only in Toodyay, but all over the Eastern Districts. Mr Ralph was born in Kent, England, in the year 1838, being thus 72 years of age at the time of his death. He spent 49 years of his life in the Old Country, and on Christmas Day, 1860, he arrived at Fremantle in the immigrant ship Escot. He, and his good wife, who survives him, landed on New Year's Day, 1861, and came to Toodyay by bullock team. He took up agricultural work at Glendearg, Mr. Mackintosh's station. After a few years with Mr. Mackintosh he decided to select for himself, and by dint of hard work gathered a nice little property around him. Eleven children were reared, and at the time of his death he left a wife and nine children to mourn their loss, also 64 grand children, and six great grand-children.

The funeral, which was very largely attended, took place on Saturday, the cortege leaving deceased's homestead at Bejording for the Culham Cemetery, where the funeral services at church and grave were conducted by the Rev. A. Craven. The chief mourners were Messrs J. B. and W. Ralph (sons), G. Lord (son-in-law), C. and F. Ralph, W. and J. Lord (grand-sons). The pall bearers were Messrs C. Kilping, R. Camerer, A. Martin and John Beard. Many floral tributes were sent as an evidence of the deep sympathy for the bereaved family.