



Obituary of Jane Stockham

Regret was expressed at the news of the death of Mrs. Jane Stockham, which occurred at Nairne on Sunday. The deceased would have been 102 years of age on July 8 next. She was a remarkable old lady, having retained possession of her mental faculties to the last and been active up to the time of falling and fracturing a bone in her hip, which accident occurred a few days before her death. This mishap was very trying to the aged lady, but congestion of the lungs was the immediate cause of demise.

The late Mrs. Stockham was born at Malmsbury, in Wiltshire (Eng.), in 1808. Her husband died early, and she came to South Australia over 50 years ago in the ship John Oldham, accompanied by her two daughters and a son, of whom Mr. G. W. Stockham, of Fullerton, and Mrs John Clezy, of Nairn, still survive. Mrs. Stockham had made it a practice to reside with her son in the winter and her daughter in the summer, thus taking advantage of the climatic conditions. She was very widely known and highly respected, and her many friends took the more interest in her on account of the great age to which she had attained. Her mental faculties were unimpaired, her hearing and eyesight were good, and she was a most interesting conversationalist. On the 100th anniversary of her birth Mrs Stockham was the recipient of numerous messages of congratulation, including letters from the late Governor (Sir George Le Hunte) and Lady Le Hunte. On her 101st birthday the present Governor and Lady Bosanquet paid the veteran lady a similar compliment, and friends were looking forward with much interest to her 102nd natal day. The interment took place at the Nairn Cemetery on Monday, the Rev. J. H. R. Halford (of the Mount Barker Presbyterian Church) officiating.

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