



Obituary of Mrs. Mary Ann Ansell, 1927

Mrs. Mary Ann Ansell (widow of the late Mr. F. J. Ansell) died on Saturday last at the age of 85 years.

The deceased lady was an old and esteemed resident of Kapunda, having lived here for over 60 years. She was born at Pewsey, Wiltshire, England, her maiden name being Bird. At the age of 22 she married the late Mr. Ansell, and soon afterwards they left for South Australia in the ship "Eastern Empire," arriving in June, 1864.

Mr. John Ryan, of Kapunda, and the late Mr. John Kearne, were shipmates of Mr. and Mrs. Ansell. On arrival in Adelaide, Mr. Ansell worked with a Mr. Bray, of Hindley Street, where he stayed for about 18 months, but when his employer failed, Mr. Fowler, of Messrs. D. and J. Fowler, obtained a situation for him in Kapunda with Messrs. Stobie and Thomson. After serving for some time with that firm, he was employed by Mr. Jackman, cabinet maker. After learning that trade, Mr. Ansell started in business for himself, and continued to live in Kapunda until he died in 1917.

The late Mrs. Ansell was associated with the local Baptist Church, and in her younger days was an untiring church worker. A family of two sons and five daughters survive. They are:- Messrs. F. H. and E. F. Ansell (Kapunda), Mrs. J. F. Ilee (North Adelaide), Mrs. C. R. Hawke (West Australia), Mrs. F. Vyse (Adelaide), Mrs. P. A. Evers (Brisbane), and Mrs. R. M. Brown (Norwood). There are also 24 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

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