

Obituary.

William Thomas Hansen.

It is with very great regret that we have to chronicle this week the death of another of our old-time pioneer carriers and residents in the person of Mr. William Thomas Hansen, whose death occurred last Monday morning, June 1st, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. R. Williams (with whom he had been living since the death of his wife some four years ago), on the North Side. The late Mr. Hansen had been ailing for some time past, and during the past week he had been confined to his bed suffering from influenza. The late Mr. Hansen was one of those hardy old pioneers, who, like many others of the early days, had endured many hardships and vicissitudes on the roads when engaged in carrying. Having been born in Brisbane on the 21st July, 1856, the deceased old gentleman was just on 75 years of age at the time of his death, but notwithstanding this ripe old age he was perfectly erect and active. He had been a resident of Barcaldine for

been a resident of Barcaldine for over 40 years and had reared a large family. Mrs. Hansen died some four years ago, and four sons also pre-deceased him. The remaining members of the family are Mrs. Smith (Warwick), Mrs. Baker (Southport), Mrs. Williams (Barcaldine) daughters, and Messrs. Herbert and Charlie sons. There are also 14 grand-children and eight great-grand-children. The late Mr. Hansen joined Court "Friar Tuck" A.O.F., on 21st August, 1889, and we understand he was a life member of the Order.

Mr. Hansen was the eldest of three sons of the late William Thomas Hansen, who at one time, ran a hotel and small selection, in conjunction with carrying, at Yaamba, and in the 80's the deceased took on carrying, and it is stated that in conjunction with Mr. Allan Johnston, the well-known drover at one time of these parts, he used to help take cattle across the Fitzroy. From Rockhampton, Mr. Hansen went to Clermont, where he obtained a job from Christian & Rivers driving teams from Clermont to Aramac and Muttaborra. The late Mr. Hansen did a lot of carrying with Mr. Ted Seaby. Subsequently, he

Mr. Ted Seaby. Subsequently, he obtained a team for himself from Mr. Rivers, and continued his vocation as far out as Elderslie and Winton, at times also engaging in dam-making. He eventually settled in Barcaldine, having been married in Clermont, and here for some years he had two teams of bullocks in commission. He eventually sold the bullocks to Volling, of Longreach, and obtained horses, but in the big drought lost nearly all his horses. Of late years he had lived a more or less retired life. In addition to his two brothers, the late Mr. Hansen had six sisters—Mrs. Hill (deceased), Mrs. Rodgers (deceased), Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Paskins, Mrs. McLean, and Mrs. Fitzgerald (deceased).

The funeral took place from Mrs. Williams' residence at 5 p.m. on Monday, and was largely attended. Members of "Court Friar Tuck" attended in regalia, and also acted as pall bearers. The Rev. E. Aldington Hunt performed the last sad rites, while Mr. G. Shave, C.R., read the Foresters' oration at the graveside. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Meacham & Leyland.

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telegrams were received from the following:—

Wreaths.—Egan Family; G. W. Rodgers; Mary and George Smith; J. Allitt; Mrs. Chapman; Mr. J. P. Vesper and Family; Kate and Charlie; Misses; Beck and Family; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Rodgers; Jack May and Family; Jim, Ann and Family; and Rita; Mr. and Mrs. Tansen and Family; Family; Officers and Members of Court "Friar Trick." A. O. E.; Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Williams and Family; Mr. and Mrs. Holland and Family; Mrs. C. Burns; Mrs. T.

Smith and Family; Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Moore and Family; Mr. and Mrs. Cuddy and Mr. P. Bunt; Mr. and Mrs. C. Cameron; Mr. and Mrs. H. Bunt; Mr. and Mrs. C. Nelson; Colman Brothers; Mrs. Teasdale; Mr. J. O'Connell; Clarence, Minnie and Family (Ilfracombe).

Condolence Cards.—Mr. and Mrs. S. Walker and Family; Mr. and Mrs. Mulcahy and Family; Miss J. McDonald (Warwick); G. Hunt, Wife and Sons (Longreach); Mr. and Mrs. Feehely and Family; Mr.

and Mrs. Feeney and Family; Mr. and Mrs. Boyd and Family; W. and A. McBride; Mrs. Carey and Family; Mr. and Mrs. W. McHugh and Ambie; Mr. and Mrs. Teasdale; Lucy and Hughie, Myrtle and Roy; Martha and Hughie; Bella and Family; Dick and Eddie; Mr. and Mrs. G. Price; McQuaid Family; Peter and Aggie; Mr. and Mrs. Hudson and Family; Ernie and Mary; Mr. and Mrs. H. Carmody; Mr. and Mrs. H. Burns; M. Hoelscher (Richmond); Mr. and Mrs. W. Delaney; K. Delaney; Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin and Family.

Telegrams.—Hilda Smith; May and Gaff; A. Baker (Southport); Hetty and Bruce (Rockhampton). M. Esmond and Family (Brisbane).