

OBITUARY

MR. JAMES MICHELMORE

By the death on Tuesday, April 18th, of Mr. James Michelmores, of "Greenway," near Strathalbyn, the district has lost another of its very old residents. Born at Bull's Creek in 1855, of parents who came from Yorkshire and Devonshire, the deceased's mother died when he was very young. At the age of eight years he was entrusted to drive bullocks, but was so small that it was necessary for him to stand on a box to yoke the team. As a bullock driver he assisted in carting sleepers to Noarlunga, and also with piles used to construct the Milang Jetty; many of those piles still being intact. When a young man he went north to engage in contracting and carrying, the initial load of material for the first hotel at Port Pirie being delivered by him. Returning to Bull's Creek Mr. Michelmores continued to follow the same occupation, but later migrated to Curramulka where, with a friend named Eastwood, they were among the first settlers to take up land; but with their farming operations they combined contracting, such as dam scooping, scrub rolling, road work, and carrying between several towns on Yorke's Peninsula for some years. Mr. Michelmores was successful in the above vocations, and after disposing of the Curramulka farm and other interests he returned to his native

district and purchased the property known as "Greenway," three miles from Strathalbyn. He is believed to have been one of the first to use superphosphate in this district, and was also one of the first to use a hoe drill when he commenced farming at Strathalbyn. He remained at "Greenway" for the rest of his life—fifty years or more. Deceased's wife, who was Miss Eliza Wright (third daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Wright, of Meadows), died about twenty-four years ago.

Mr. Michelmores was quite a successful farmer in this district, but led a very retired life and took no part whatever in outside affairs, although he was liberal in his support towards any worthy causes. For some time past his health had been failing and he had been an inmate of the Strathalbyn Private Hospital during the last month.

The following children survive:—Messrs. David Charles, James and Frederick Andrew Michelmores; also Mesdames S. L. Mincham (Ada May), W. G. Watt (Jessie), J. F. McMillan (Clara), all of Strathalbyn, and Mrs. John McMillan (Tottie), of Richmond, and there are 13 grand-children. Another son, John William, died many years ago.

At the funeral, which took place on April 19th, a long cortege followed the remains to the Strathalbyn Cemetery, where Rev. J. C. Scarborough's service was very impressive.