

Two obituaries for Friedricke Elizabeth ("Freda") OTLIEB Neale

Two obituaries for Freda are known to have been published in Brisbane area newspapers within the days following her death.

One appeared in the Pittsworth Sentinel on Wednesday, December 22, 1926:

MRS EPHREIM NEALE

The late Mrs Neale, whose death was briefly reported during last week, came to Australia with her parents when only eleven years of age. In her younger days she lived on Felton Station, which at that time was managed by Mr Whitchurch, and both Mr and Mrs Whitchurch showed a very kindly interest in her, and her father was book-keeper on the same station. Later she went to Brisbane and lived for a time with her mother and afterwards went to Rockhampton district. It was there she met Mr Neale who she afterwards married in the year 1864. Early in their married life they had very thrilling experiences incidental to the early pioneers with the hostile blacks. The deceased lady at that time was a splendid horsewoman, as that was largely the means of travelling in those days. After a term in the north, the late Mrs Neale and her husband went to Drayton, and from there eventually settled at Spring Gully, Pittsworth, the property still being in the possession of Mr Neale. She passed away in a little cottage near her son, Mr H. Neale. While a resident of Pittsworth she took a very active part in all that pertained to church life, and always extended hospitality to members of her church.

The funeral took place at the Pittsworth cemetery, the Rev Lewis (Methodist) officiating at the graveside, while Mr C. W. Arnold was the undertaker.

She leaves besides her husband a family of seven sons and three daughters to mourn their loss, two sons and one daughter having predeceased her as follows: Mrs E. Daniels (deceased); Mr Harry Neale (Spring Valley); Mr A. Neale, Ingham; Mr E. Neale, South Africa; Mrs B. Holmes, Pittsworth; Mr Arthur Neale, Redcliffe; Mr Fred Neale, Ingham; Mr Albert Neale, Pittsworth; Mr Walter Neale, Toowoomba; Mrs Moad, Melbourne; Mr E. Neale (deceased); Mr Herald Neale (deceased); and Miss Esther Neale.

The other was published in the Brisbane Courier on the same date:

Mrs Ephraim Neale, who passed away in Pittsworth during the week, and who was one of the very old residents of the district, spent nearly the whole of her life in Queensland. She arrived in Australia with her parents when 11 years of age, and reached the age of 81 years. In her younger days she lived at Felton Station, close to Pittsworth, where her father was a book-keeper. Later she lived in Brisbane, and from there went to the Rockhampton district where she met Mr Neale. In the North they had thrilling experiences with the treacherous blacks of those days. Mrs Neale was a splendid horsewoman, as horse-riding was the chief means of travelling at that time. After a term in the North, Mrs Neale and her husband selected land in this district, where they had remained ever since. She is survived by her husband, seven sons, and three daughters. Two sons and one daughter predeceased her. The funeral took place at the Pittsworth Cemetery, the Rev. Lewis (Methodist) conducting the service at the graveside.