

## Obituary of Ephraim NEALE (1840 - 1927)

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MR EPHREIM NEALE

The late Mr Ephreim Neale, who passed away on Wednesday last, was one of the very oldest residents and pioneers and had reached the advanced age of 87 years. The deceased gentleman was born at Bedworth, Warwickshire, England, in the year 1840, and came out to Queensland with his father and mother in the first emigrant ship, the "Artemesia" in 1848. They landed in Moreton Bay and immediately proceeded to Meringdan where his father was employed on the station. After residing there for twelve months the family crossed over to Felton where the lad Ephreim had his first experience with sheep. While quite a young man he later turned his attention to mail contracting and ran the mail from Ipswich to Drayton before Toowoomba was even a township. For a time he was at Taroom horse-breaking. He was in that locality when the blacks were very dangerous, and on one occasion, eleven shepherds were murdered by a hostile tribe. He was also thirty miles from Hornet Bank the time the Fraser family were murdered. In 1864 he married the late Mrs Neale who predeceased him in December last. He came to Glen Horton, Spring Valley, Pittsworth, 47 years ago, and carried on general farming, and the farm is still retained by a member of the family, which he relinquished some years ago owing to his great age. The funeral took place on Thursday last at the local cemetery, and was largely attended, the Rev Lewis (Methodist) officiating at the graveside. He leaves seven sons and three daughters to mourn their loss, 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.

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