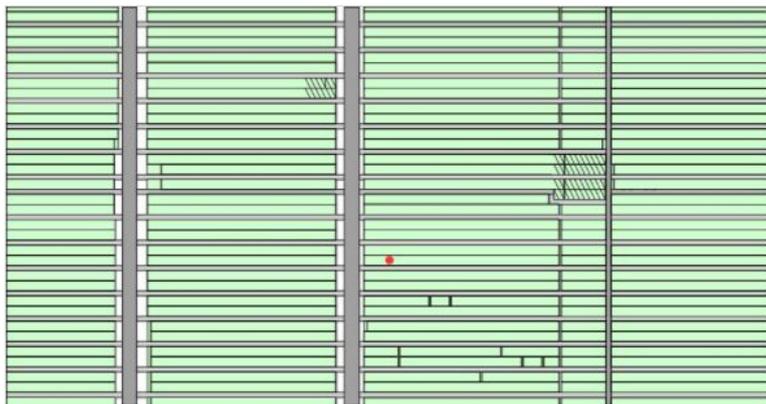


Fraser, George



LOCATION

SITE RECORD

SURROUNDING

Cheltenham Cemetery

Section: Section E

Drive: B

Path (#): 4(26)

Site Number: 8

Service Type: Burial

The Late Mr. G. Fraser

Posted by: Michael Smith, 14/09/2015

The death occurred of an old and respected lighthouse keeper in the person of Mr. George Fraser at the residence of his son, at the Semaphore, on Wednesday. The late gentleman had been suffering for some time from a serious internal complaint. In November last he had to relinquish his duties at Troubridge Lighthouse in order to return to Port Adelaide for treatment. He gradually sank, however, and died at the age of sixty-four years. Mr. Fraser was for a long time connected with the Marine Department of the colony. He joined the service as third keeper at Flinders Lighthouse, now known as Cape Borda, in 1873, and in 1877 he was transferred to Cape Jaffa. In the following year he was promoted to the position of second keeper at Tipara Light, and in 1883 he was removed to Troubridge. From 1886 to 1888 he was stationed at the Port Adelaide Lighthouse, but of recent years he had charge, of Troubridge Light. Mr. and Mrs. Fraser were great lovers of flowers, and visitors to the lighthouse, which is erected on a sand shoal have frequently been surprised by the fine blossoms displayed in pots. Mr. Fraser was born in Scotland, and like many of the keepers around the coast, displayed an early inclination for the sea. He arrived in the colony in 1854, and was engaged for some time in several of the coasting crafts prior to entering the marine service. The funeral of the late gentleman took place at the Woodville Cemetery on Thursday. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. B. Stephenson. The chief mourners present were :- Messrs. Robert, A. C, and John Fraser, sons, and Miss Adeline Fraser, daughter, Mrs. M. S. Fraser, daughter-in law, and Jane Solly, niece. There were also present Mr. W. Cate, jun., H.M. Customs, the Secretary of the Marine Board, Mr. J. Darby, and Messrs. Thomas Wells, Head keeper of Point Lowly Lighthouse, T. Matthew, E. Hounslow, James Crawford, sen., D. Solly, and J. Sketheway. Owing to a meeting of the Marine Board the same afternoon, the Wardens were unable to attend. An apology was received from the President, Mr. T.N. Stephens. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. J. C. Haddy. Source: South Australian Register (Adelaide, SA : 1839 - 1900), Friday 8 January 1897, page 5.