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# PROMINENT CITIZEN

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## MR. W. H. BROOME'S DEATH

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The death occurred suddenly this morning of Mr. William Henry Broome, a prominent citizen of New Plymouth, who had been in business in the town for nearly 40 years.

Mr. Broome was a native of Leek, Staffordshire, England, and came to New Zealand at the age of 21. Within a short time of his arrival he commenced business in New Plymouth as a clothier and mercer, a business in which he continued up to the time of his death, the last eight years being in partnership with Mr. C. W. Lynch. He was widely known and highly respected in business circles.

Mr. Broome had wide interests in sport, including cricket, tennis, bowls and golf. After giving up the more strenuous games of cricket and tennis he took up bowls as a member of the Paritutu and Vogeltown Clubs. He was a member of the Witi-ora Golf Club, which merged into the New Plymouth Club, and at the time of his death he was a member of the Westown Club.

He also took a keen and active interest in music and amateur dramatics. He was a member of the New Plymouth Amateur Operatic Society and not only took principal parts in some of their productions but assisted on the administration side of the society. He was one of the original members of the New Plymouth Male Choir and remained in the society until it ceased its activities. He was a member of the first Savage Club formed in New Plymouth in which his entertaining talents were frequently called upon for the society's programmes. He was a member of the Ancient Order of Oddfellows.

Mr. Broome, who was twice married, is survived by his wife and five children. They are Ian Darcy Broome (who is on active service overseas in the Pacific area), Mrs. N. Bowler (New Plymouth), Miss Betty M. Broome, Sergeant Brian W. Broome (in camp with the 2nd N.Z.E.F.) and Miss Molly Broome (New Plymouth).

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