

DEATH OF NEW PLYMOUTH SOLICITOR

The death occurred at the New Plymouth Public Hospital today of Mr. Cyril Hendry Croker, senior partner in the New Plymouth legal firm of Croker, McCormick and Greiner. He was in his 71st year.

Mr. Croker was admitted to hospital a fortnight ago and appeared to be progressing satisfactorily, but died suddenly today.

He was admitted as a solicitor in 1909, and would have completed 50 years in the legal profession this year. He appeared in a number of notable trials and was still making court appearances this year.

He practised first in Dunedin and then at Stratford and Hastings before going overseas during World War 1. On his return, he acquired the legal practice in New Plymouth about 1919. He has been in the city ever since.

Mr. Croker was interested in horse racing for many years, owning a number of horses. He was a member of the Taranaki Jockey Club for a long period and was also a member of the Taranaki Club and a past member of the New Plymouth Golf Club and New Plymouth Bowling Club.

He was also a former member of the Legislative Council.

Among his other interests were athletics, cycling, tennis and horticulture. He was regarded as an expert on roses.

Mr. Croker leaves a wife and three children. Mrs. Croker, his son, Brian, and a daughter, Miss Beverley Croker, live on the family farm at Waipukurau. Another daughter, Mrs. Erica Hill, lives at Napier.

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