

Norfolk Road Pioneer Dies at New Plymouth

Mr. R. Mantey, whose death occurred at New Plymouth on Saturday, was well known in the Inglewood district, where he had lived for nearly half a century, having been one of the pioneer settlers of Norfolk Road.

Born at Hohensorten, Prussia, 84 years ago, Mr. Mantey came to New Zealand as a youth of 18, and after spending a year or two at Oxford, Canterbury, came to Taranaki 65 years ago and took up a section on Norfolk Road which at that time was all bush, the road itself being merely a bridle track. By hard work and determination he cleared the property and brought it into a state of high production, retiring to live at New Plymouth 20 years ago while one of his sons remained on the property. He married at Inglewood a few years after his arrival Miss Minnie Mundt, who died about 10 years ago.

He is survived by three sons, Mr. A. Mantey, Vancouver, Mr. F. Mantey, Norfolk Road, and Mr. H. J. Mantey, Wellington, and one daughter, Miss E. Mantey, New Plymouth. The funeral took place at Inglewood yesterday, the Rev. E. Chard, vicar of Inglewood, taking the service at St. Andrew's Church and at the graveside. The bearers were Messrs. F. West, H. West, A. West, R. George, D. Koch and W. Ward.