

## A Pioneer Passes

DAVID STINTON, CRIMEAN VETERAN.

Death has removed another of the dwindling band of pioneers, and has now taken in the midst of the present war alarms, one who heard the drum roll and the cannon roar against Sebastopol and saw the remnants of the famous cavalry charge return from their great feat, which gave them an undying fame. David Stinton, wearer of the Crimean and Turkish medals, one of the most interesting personalities of the district passed over the border on Friday last [22 Jan] at the ripe age of 87 years. The deceased was born in Cambridge, England, in 1828. He joined the 54th [sic] Foot Regiment (the Border Regiment of to-day) in January 1852 when 24 years of age. When that regiment was detailed to take part in the Crimean War, Private Stinton accompanied them, and was present at the siege of Sebastopol, and received the Crimean medal, (with a bar for Sebastopol), and also the Turkish medal. He suffered severely through his feet being frost bitten, but recovered, and did not go home till his regiment, returned. On return to England, he was transferred to the 77th Foot Regiment, and shortly afterward he proceeded with his regiment to Sydney. In August 1857, he left Sydney for India on the outbreak of the Indian Mutiny, where he was in charge of prisoners at Chunar, near Alahabad. He left India, after having served at a number of stations, in 1865, and having resigned from the army, came to Western Australia to join his brother, Mr. Joshua [sic] Stinton (who has been deceased about four years,) at Picton.

Shortly after his arrival in the State, the deceased married. (He resided in Bunbury in earlier years with the Clifton and Stanley families). One son, Mr. Edward Stinton, resides at Mandurah. A daughter, Mrs. J. Robertson of Midland Junction, whose husband was resident in Bunbury for some years, resides at Midland Junction. The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon, when there was a large muster of old friends, and in due honor the local cadets paraded under Lieut. Steere and Captain O'Donnell, and followed the remains to the graveside at the Bunbury General Cemetery. Members of the militia acted as pall bearers and among other representative; citizens were the Mayor, Mr. Geo. Clarke, Messrs W. L. Owen, R.M, J. L. Walker, and the Town Clerk, Mr. Norrie. The Bishop of Bunbury officiated at the burial service.

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