

EXTRACT FROM NAMBOUR CHRONICLE - 3 JULY 1914

DEATH OF OLD COLONIST - COOROY

The death occurred on Thursday last of Mr Spencer Sivyer, one of the oldest residents of this district, at the age of 81 years.

Mr Sivyer was a colonist for 74 years, he having arrived in Sydney with his parents in the late thirties (1830's) and for over 50 years he was resident of Queensland. He was contractor and worker on the first railway built in Australia, and was engaged otherwise in the sawing, road contracting and later as Inspect of Timber and Bridges under which he overseered the works of the North Coast Railway from Caboolture to Cooran. On the completion of these works, he selected land in Cooroy and was engaged in the timber industry for many years, but latterly, he directed his attention to dairying.

He was highly respected by everybody and a most genial companion, and most hospitable host. He was an enthusiast in Church matters and was always ready to lend his home for the Church services, but the Methodist Church was the denomination to which he attached himself.

His health had failed for some considerable time and his friends and relations realised that his end was approaching but his faculties were good right to the last, except that his memory failed him at times.

He will be sadly missed by many of his acquaintances as it was always a pleasure to sit with him for any hour and listen to his pleasant reminiscences. He leaves a widow and 12 children, all grown to manhood and womanhood. His family altogether was 15, but 3 predeceased him.

The remains were brought to Cooroy on Friday and were interred in the Methodist portion of the Cemetery, the burial service being conducted by Rev Martin, in the presence of a very large congregation.