

OLD RESIDENT

MR. C. T. MILLS

DEATH AT NEW PLYMOUTH

The death occurred at New Plymouth on Tuesday of Mr. C. T. Mills, at the age of 76 years.

Well known throughout Taranaki, Mr. Mills had spent his entire life in the district, taking an active part in public affairs.

He was born at New Plymouth in 1864 and was educated here. He began his career farming at Toko but abandoned the land after the big bush fires around Stratford in 1889, and became an accountant in New Plymouth, going into partnership with Mr. F. Jackson. He followed accountancy for the rest of his life. He was once a candidate for the New Plymouth seat in Parliament.

A man of many interests and many friends, Mr. Mills was widely known. At the beginning of the century he was a captain in the district volunteers. A member of Court Waireka, A.O.F., for 60 years, he served the lodge for 50 years as accountant. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge. For many years he was secretary of the Taranaki Hospital and Charitable Aid Board and later secretary of the Central School committee. Among his other occupations were the positions of Taranaki County clerk and secretary to a number of Taranaki dairy factories.

His earlier recreational activities included road cycle racing on the old "penny-farthings," and shooting, in both of which he attained a degree of success. Of later years he has been a bowls enthusiast. He was also for many years a member of St. Mary's choir.

He was married in New Plymouth in 1888 to Miss K. E. Jackson, by whom he was predeceased. He is survived by a family of four, Mr. C. B. Mills, Hamilton, Mrs. W. L. Wagstaff, New Plymouth, Mrs. K. M. Barry, Peace River, Canada, and Miss L. Mills, Melbourne.

The funeral took place to-day at Te Henui cemetery, New Plymouth.