

Timaru Herald. 27 July 1905 (Papers Past)

OBITUARY.

MR. JOHN CAMPBELL.

Yesterday morning Mr John Campbell, of Fernhill, St. Andrews, died after a short illness in Timaru. He was 57 years of age, and had been in the colony since 1865, when, with his father and brother, he landed at Lyttelton, to settle shortly afterwards in the Ellesmere district. Mr Campbell was a man of quiet disposition and of the most earnest temperament; and though till recently he took no part in public affairs, yet ever since his arrival he was active in church and temperance work. At Ellesmere he and the Rev. Mr West founded the first temperance society; and when, in 1891, he removed to St. Andrews, he busied himself so that practically to him was due the establishment of the Presbyterian Church there. He was ever since he was old enough for the position a local preacher and elder. In 1902 he unsuccessfully contested the Waitaki seat with Sir W. J. Steward, principally in the prohibition interests, and recently opened a campaign in connection with the same seat for next elections. In November, 1902, he was appointed to the Education Board. He leaves a grown-up family of three sons and one daughter. The cause of death was ulceration of the stomach, of long standing. For many years he was troubled at intervals; and about a week ago had to go to the hospital. An operation was performed as a last resource, but Mr Campbell succumbed. Mr Campbell's friends knew him as an uncompromising enemy of wrong, and friend of right — a man of sterling worth.

Temuka Leader. 27 July 1905 (Papers Past)

Mr John Campbell, of St. Andrews who has been subject to attacks of ill-health for some years, died in the Timaru Private Hospital yesterday morning. Mr Campbell has been ailing for some days, and came into Timaru a week ago for medical treatment, but never rallied, the cause of his death being ulceration of the stomach. Mr Campbell was well-known in public life, and had for years been a member of the Education Board. He had announced his candidature for the Waitaki seat, and opened his election campaign a few weeks ago at Fairlie.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

Mr John Campbell, who died at Timaru on Wednesday, was born in Perthshire, Scotland, in 1848. He came to the colony in 1865, and settled in the Ellesmerc district for many years. In 1891 he went to St. Andrews, and took a farm there. Mr Campbell did not take much part in public matters until a few years ago, when he contested with Sir W. J. Steward the seat for the Waitaki electorate, and he was announced to contest the seat again at the forthcoming election. For some years he had been a member of the South Canterbury Education Board. During his whole colonial life he took a good deal of interest in church and temperance work. With others he established the Southbridge Temperance Society, and almost ever since he was old enough he was a local preacher and elder. The Presbyterian Church at St. Andrews was practically established by him. Mr Campbell suffered greatly from an ulcerated stomach, and was ill a week prior to his death. He was operated upon on Tuesday, and died next morning. The late Mr Campbell leaves three sons, Mr Peter Campbell (a partner in the firm of Messrs Elder and Campbell, Leeston), Mr Donald Campbell (an assistant in the same firm), and Mr Henry Campbell. A married daughter (Mrs Barrett) resides at St. Andrews. The late Mr Campbell lived at Stony Gully, Southbridge, for a number of years, but sold the farm about fifteen years ago to Mr John Fineham, who at present resides there.

(Annie CAMPBELL married Henry BARRETT, 1901, NZ)

(Annie CAMPBELL b. 1875, Ellesmere; Peter b. 1876; John Henry Hall b. 1879, Ellesmere; Donald b. 1882, Christchurch, of Colin & Elizabeth)

John CAMPBELL d. 26 July 1905; Elizabeth CAMPBELL d. 8 Feb 1913, 74 yrs; bur. Timaru Cemetery

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MR P. CAMPBELL.

AT WASHDYKE.

A number of gentlemen friends met Mr P. Campbell in the Washdyke Hall on Friday night to say good-bye and make a presentation to him prior to his departure for Samoa. Mr . Anderson occupied the chair and explained that on account of only receiving word the previous day that Mr Campbell had been accepted for service in Samoa and was to leave on Monday, there had not been sufficient time to arrange a large gathering. The meeting, although not large, was very enthusiastic and keen regret was expressed on all sides at losing Mr Campbell from the district. The chairman, after referring to Mr Campbell's good qualities, referred to his connection with the Rifle Club and school committee, and asked Mr Campbell to accept a small sum of money as a gift from those present and asked that he might buy some little article which would be useful to him in Samoa. Several of those present spoke in regard to his character and the esteem in which Mr Campbell was held in the district and toasted his health with enthusiasm. Mr Campbell replied in a neat speech, thanking all those present for honouring him in such a friendly manner and thanked them for their very enjoyable evening and also their presentation. He referred to his previous experience in volunteer work and also to his active service in South Africa during the Boer War, and said he would often think of them and would find time to let some of them know how he was getting on in Samoa. He trusted he could do some good over there and hoped to return and meet them all again.