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OBITUARY

MR DONALD BROWN

One of the oldest and most highly respected residents of the Farnborough district, Mr Donald Brown, passed away at his home, The Main Camp, at the age of 82. Born on the island of Tiree, off the west coast of Scotland, the deceased migrated to Australia in 1886 and landed in Rockhampton. Walking to Yeppoon, he secured a job ploughing with bullocks for the Farnborough sugar mill and later took on a job hauling timber with a bullock team to a sawmill at Adelaide Park owned by the late Mr J. Atherton. Later, with the late Messrs D. Anderson and Jack Burns, he took up a selection known as "The Main Camp," so called on account of drovers using it as a watering place. Eventually he bought out his two partners. He grew cane on his own account and on some occasions, with Kanaka labour, cut 1000 odd tons a year. The late Mr Brown was married to Matilda Peterson on February 22, 1896, the late Rev. Alexander Hay performing the ceremony. In 1901 he was offered a job as overseer for the Livingstone Shire Council and later was employed by the Rockhampton City Council. After leaving the council's service, he was recalled to supervise the grading of the oval at the Rockhampton Agricultural Society's show grounds. He was one of the prime movers in securing a school at Farnborough, a private one, the local fettlers building it themselves. The Government eventually took it over and built the present school. He was chairman of the State school committee for many years. He won numerous trophies at ploughing matches held at Alton Downs in the early days and was later, appointed judge of such events. He was a life member and also the oldest member of the Loyal Hope of Yeppoon Lodge (MUIOOF), and a life member of the Loyal Orange Lodge.

An outstanding personality, he will be greatly missed at his home, The Main Camp, which has always been noted for the hospitality extended to visitors.

He is survived by his widow, three sons, Alex, Hector, and Hugh, two daughters, Misses . T. and A. Brown, and five grandchildren.

The funeral, which was largely attended, moved from his late residence. The service at the graveside was conducted by the Rev Robinson, of the Presbyterian Church.

- Yeppoon correspondent.

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Additional notes:

Donald Brown, son of Hugh Brown & Ann Kennedy, was born at Moss, Tiree, on 29 December 1864.