

Frederick Henry Valentine Hester

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Biography

Twin of Robert.^[1] Died on Monday 31 December 1900.<ref>{{WA BMD death | surname = Hester | given_names = Frederick Henry Valentine | gender = M | father = Robert HESTER | mother = Laetitia HALL | death_place = Roebourne Hospital | year_of_death = 1900 | age = 44 | registration_district = - | registration_year = 1901 | registration_number = 2354 | access_date = 2025-08-06 }}</ref>

Western Mail, 5 January 1901:<ref>OBITUARY. (1901, January 5). Western Mail (Perth, WA : 1885 - 1954), p. 28. Retrieved August 5, 2025, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article33198278></ref>

OBITUARY.

MR. F. H. V. HESTER.

Roebourne, January 2. Gloom was cast over the town yesterday, owing to the fact that Mr. F. H. V. Hester, a prominent townsman, died rather suddenly in the hospital. Death was due to an affection of the heart. The funeral took place this morning.

'Northern Public Opinion and Mining and Pastoral News', 4 January 1901:<ref>LOCAL AND GENERAL. (1901, January 4). Northern Public Opinion and Mining and Pastoral News (Roebourne, WA : 1894 - 1902), p. 2. Retrieved August 6, 2025, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article255737650> </ref>

DEATH OF MR. F. H. V. HESTER

General regret was expressed on Monday last when it became known that Mr. F. H. V. Hester had succumbed to the affection of the heart from which he suffered. A few weeks previous to his death Mr. Hester had been forced to seek medical advice, and remained in town for a few days until he felt sufficiently well to undertake the trip back to the Turner River. Evidently this trip was too trying for a man in his weak state, however, and within a brief period of his reaching his home, he had to return to Roebourne, arriving here on Sunday. His condition was at once regarded as serious

by Dr. Maunsell, though the end came rather sooner than was expected. Mr. Hester was an old identity of tho Nor'-West, and highly-respected by everyone with whom he came in contact. He had for many years been engaged in pastoral pursuits, and a few years ago was interested in commercial ventures at Mallina and Balla Bulla. He was a justice of the peace for the district, and at one time a member of the Roebourne Roads Board, displaying in both capacities strong common sense, if not brilliancy. He succeeded in wending his way along life's rugged path without making any enemies, whilst his friends embraced scores, and a man who in these days of strife can show a record like Mr. Hester's may indeed be proud. The deceased, who was 44 years of age, leaves a wife and one child to mourn their loss. The funeral took place at the Anglican cemetery on Tuesday morning, the Rev. H. Pitts conducting the burial service.

References

[1] Hall Family Tree by Margaret Wilson

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William Shakespeare Hall to Valentine Hester, 4 May 1893

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4th May 1893

Dear Val

I cannot give you much information with regard to your questions.

The following is about all I know, A person named I H Little said he had been living near a Mr Thomas Hester at No 59 Nott St Sandridge & that he Hester

had become possessed of property or money that should have come to you, as near as I can recollect he said from an uncle deceased.

Your grandfather had a brother Robert, whether he went to Victoria I do not know.

I do not know what county your grandfather came from originally, but he was much in London & twelve years in Calais on half pay, he told me there was some property (Landed) held by Sir Watkin Wynd that belonged to him & gave Mr Dawson a lawyer a power to act & recover for him, but I think he never heard any more about it.

I am

Your affect uncle

W S Hall

Q: Did your great uncle Robt Hester leave a will in favour of your father & Thos Hester claim as next of kin.

We are glad to hear you are getting on well with your contract, I am very sorry Ernest did not go with you as he has had no work since you left us & has none now, nor any prospect of any.

Galbraiths vessel has returned. The SS "Colac" is here with stud rams & few horses for D McRae.

Small-pox still spreading in Perth, but only slowly, about 37 cases have occurred.

Many thanks for your kind invitation, perhaps we might come later on.

The Commercial & National Banks have stopped payment, it is supposed they will go on again soon.

We are all very well at present & I pray we may keep clear of the smallpox.

With love from all & your affect uncle

W S Hall