

Mr. J. C. Tucker

Mr. John C. Tucker, 86, late of Hoyleton, who died recently at his home in Dudley avenue, Prospect, was born at Willunga. He later resided at Inman Valley, and in 1873 started with his team of bullocks to pioneer the middle north, near Hoyleton. The



first year he cleared and cropped 17 acres, and since that date thousands of trees fell beneath his axe. Mr.

Tucker claimed to be the only man who, for 50 succeeding years, carted wheat to Hoyleton. Two

years before the present railway line was converted from a tramway, he delivered wheat by bullock team.

As a bullock driver, Mr. Tucker was a master. He could cart wheat

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a distance of seven miles without moving from his load. In past days this was regarded as a remarkable

feat. In 1886 he was elected by the Government as one of a party to inspect land at Pinnaroo district for agricultural purposes. In his earlier days, Mr. Tucker was a great cricket enthusiast, and was actively associated with a Sunday school, church, and choir in the Hoyleton district. Retiring in 1918, Mr. Tucker moved to Prospect, where he resided until his death. He was the last member of a large family. He left four daughters, Mrs. H. Evans, Hoyleton; Mrs. E. Redpath, Hoyleton; Mrs. S. Furniss, Stirling; and Mrs. A. C. Adcock, Erindale. There are 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.
