

DEATH OF A PIONEER. FARMER.

Mr. Richard Carruthers, whose death occurred at Strathalbyn on August 4, was a former Mayor of Strathalbyn. He was born in the North of England, near Carlisle, on August 23, 1825, and was brought up to farming pursuits in his native country - being descended from a race of farmers. In 1852 he came to South Australia on the ship Epaminondas with his wife (nee Sarah Davidson), and the young couple shortly after arrival went to Mount Barker where they remained about six months. Mr. Carruthers became a tenant farmer under the late Mr. Edward Stirling (father of Sir Lancelot Stirling) for three years on the Lake Plains, near Milang, where he carried on farming with very successful results for about 10 years. At the end of this period he purchased the beautiful property 'Brigend' comprising some 80 acres about a quarter of a mile from Strathalbyn Post-office, within the town boundary, where he lived in retirement until his death. Mr. Carruthers always displayed considerable interest in municipal and district council work, and also in the Strathalbyn Agricultural Society, and about a year ago presented to the trustees of the Society a block of land containing 12 acres,- portion of the above Brigend estate.

This was considered a handsome gift, and the society is having a marble tablet placed in the stone pavilion now being erected on the land.

Mr. Carruthers' remains were interred in the Strathalbyn Cemetery on August 7.