

WEST WIMMERA MAIL - Friday, February 11, 1916

MELBOURNE'S FIRST WHITE CHILD - DEATH OF MR G. Y. BILSTON

There passed away at Kattanning, W.A., of heart trouble, at the age of 78 years and 6 months, Mr George Yarra BILSTON, the first white child born in Melbourne, eldest son of the late Thos BILSTON, one of the early Victorian settlers, and grandson of the late Capt. Wm. Wheeler. The deceased leaves a grown up family of seven, Mr G.S. BILSTON, of Natimuk, being a son. The Casterton News writes :- In the person of Mr G.Y. BILSTON, there passed away one of the very earliest settlers of the district. Mr BILSTON'S intimate acquaintance with the people and events of early settlement in this part of Western Victoria has been disclosed in a long series of interesting narratives contributed by him to the "News," and published under the heading of "Memories of the Past." He was a brother to ex Councillor A. H. BILSTON, of Wattle Glen, Brimboal, and was well known to all the older residents of this district, among whom he was cordially welcomed on occasions of a comparatively recent visit to this district.