

OBITUARY

MRS. CATHERINE PRESTON.

Mrs. Catherine Preston, relict of Mr. Frederick Preston, and a well-known resident of Newcastle, died yesterday morning. She was 74. The funeral will take place this afternoon.

Mrs. Preston, who came originally from Ireland, was married in Sydney when 18, and soon afterwards settled in the east end of Newcastle, where she lived until her death. Her husband died in 1913. Two of her sons served in the Great War, and one of them, Frederick, was killed. She is survived by three sons, George, Jack, and Howard, and three daughters, Mesdames Hornby (Cook's Hill), Frew (Islington), and Barnes (Cook's Hill). There are 23 grandchildren living and one great-grandchild. The three sons are well known in surf life-saving circles. One of them, Jack, is a life member of the Newcastle Surf Club.

The body will be interred in the Catholic Cemetery, Sandgate. Four grandsons will be the pall-bearers. Flags on Newcastle Surf Club's buildings were flying at half-mast yesterday.