**WILLIAMS, Thomas Edward**

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Mr. Thomas Edward Williams, an old and much-respected resident of Vine-street, Bendigo, expired at his residence early on Saturday morning from an attack of chronic bronchitis, from which he had been suffering for the past seven years. The deceased gentleman, who was 61 years of age, was a native of Glamorganshire, South Wales, and came to Victoria in 1857, in the sailing ship Morning Light.

He first settled at Ballarat, and after being there about a year, he moved to Tarrengower (now Maldon'). In 1867 he went to the rush at Myer's Creek, and came to reside in Bendigo in 1872. He worked in the mines for some time, and then commenced surveying under the Victorian Government. He had the honor of rolling the first stone off Pyramid Hill.

In 1881 he became a member of the Bendigo Stock Exchange, and was well-known under "The Verandah" until about seven and a half years ago, when he was compelled to retire owing to failing health.

He was one of the founders of the Golden square Fire brigade, and the originator of the floral displays in the Easter Fair processions. During the whole time that he resided in Bendigo he was intimately associated with fire brigade work.

He had been a member of the Independent Order of Oddfellows since he was 18 years of age. A family of four children, including one son and three daughters are left to mourn its sad loss. Mrs. F. C. Meurer is the only married daughter, whilst the son is Captain Ernst Williams, of the permanent staff of the Commonwealth military forces in Sydney.

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DEATH.

WILLIAMS. — On 16th May, at his late residence, 67 Vine Street, Thomas Edward Williams, aged 61 years, beloved father of Evelyn, Ernest, Nellie and Jessie after a long illness patiently borne.