

The death of Mr Charles Kimber, which occurred at his residence, Springston South, on Monday, has removed one of the oldest identities from that district. On January 18th, 1925, Mr and Mrs Kimber celebrated their diamond wedding.

Mr Charles Kimber was born at Wiltshire, East Grafton, on March 10th, 1842, and came to New Zealand by the fifth vessel, "Castle Eden," on February 9th, 1851. After his arrival he camped in a whare where Hagley Park is now situated. The country was then in its native state, with rushes, flax, etc., growing everywhere. He came to New Zealand with his father, the late Mr Stephen Kimber, who lived to the age of 101 years. Mr Chas. Kimber was of a family of five (two daughters and three sons), and with the exception of Mr James Kimber, of Spreydon, all have passed away. From Hagley Park

Mr Kimber went to the Springston district, where he remained up till the time of his death, following agricultural pursuits. Throughout his life he suffered practically no illness, and up to the time of his death was in no way incapacitated. A widow, five sons and four daughters, and nineteen grandchildren are left to mourn their loss. The sons and daughters are: Messrs A. C. Kimber, H. H. Kimber, T. J. Kimber (all of Springston South), G. Kimber (Temuka), F. Kimber (Southbridge), Mrs G. J. Roberts (Springston South), Mrs S. Douglas (Rakaia), Mrs F. Greaves (Springston South), Miss L. Kimber (Springston South).

The cortege, which left deceased's late residence, was a large one, and showed the respect in which the deceased was held. The remains were interred at the Springston Public Cemetery on Wednesday. The pall bearers were Messrs F. and H. Burgess, W. Kimber

(deceased's nephews), and F. Greaves (son-in-law). The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. C. L. Wilson. Amongst the chief mourners were Mr Jas. Kimber (deceased's brother), who is now 92 years of age.

Beautiful wreaths and other floral tributes were received from: Wife and family, Jas. Kimber, Percy and Elsie; Thelma, Vera, Gwen and Fred; Mrs T. Kimber and family; Mr and Mrs H. A. Kimber and family; Mrs F. Kimber and family; Mr and Mrs T. Streeter and family; Springston Gun Club; Mr and Mrs N. Powell and family; Springs- and Mrs N. Powell and family; Mr and Mrs E. J. Hams and family; Mr and Mrs McBean; Mrs Ryan.