

George Hankinson Obituary  
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**Mr. George Hankinson**

The late Mr. George Hankinson, whose demise occurred on the 9th March, was in his 71st year. He was born at Mooloolah, and the son of the late John Hankinson, who was an early selector of land on the Blackall Range (Maleny not then designed), and engaged in sleeper and timber getting. He was one of three who cut the first road through the virgin scrub of the district. His son, George, followed the profession of timber getting until motor transport took this work over. He married Jane Tail, who predeceased him in April 1947. He leaves a family of two sons and a daughter. One of his sons is a member of the Landsborough Shire Council, and the other, one of the mainstays of our Maleny cricket team. The daughter is well known to her intimate friends by the sweetness of her spirit. Both sons are engaged in dairying.

Following the work of hauling timber in the pioneering of the district called for the most sterling of characters by the arduous nature of the work, and the many calls on their good natures to bring food supplies from Landsborough when the roads were virtually impassable in the wet season. Too much could not be said in praise of his devotion to the welfare of the district in this capacity. He was always at hand to assist with the cartage of excess loading of butter to Landsborough when the horse teams were unable to keep pace with the rapidly increasing supplies. More especially was this so in 1917 when the weather drizzled for seven months on end. So distressing were the conditions then that all the bullock teams of the district were called on to help. While all contributed one load each, it was only George Hankinson who stood to the industry throughout all those awful months of misery and discomfort. If there can be revived a trait of consciousness in recognising this outstanding value of devotion of those who have done their part so faithfully in the progress of the district, his name should be amongst those whose memory is worth preserving.

The late Mr. Hankinson was interred in the Mooloolah cemetery.—J.H.S.

Wedding photos of George & Jane (Trail) Hankinson

