

**MICHAEL EUSTACE, 85,  
AND IN COUNTY 65  
YEARS, PASSES AWAY**

**Survived by Wife, Who Was First White  
Person Born in Pierce County—  
Last of Pioneer Family.**

Michael Eustace, age 85, the last of the widely known pioneer family of that name, who had been a resident of Pierce county 65 years, died yesterday at his home at Puyallup. A year and a half ago Mr. and Mrs. Eustace moved to Puyallup from their pre-emption claim near Spanaway, where they had lived continuously since their settlement in this county in 1850. Mrs. Eustace was the first white person born in Pierce county.

Mr. Eustace was but 20 years old when he came to the West, having spent eight years in New York. A number of years after his arrival in the Northwest, Mr. Eustace married Anne Rigney, daughter of John Rigney.

Mr. Eustace came to this section many years before Tacoma existed and what is now Pierce county consisted of a few scattered families of pioneers and the settlement at Fort Steilacoom. Although Mr. Eustace did not personally take up arms against the Indians in the wars that followed, there stood a barn on the old homestead that was used as a fort to protect neighboring families. The old barn was burned a few years ago and a more modern structure now stands in its place.

Mr. Eustace was born in Westmeath country, Ireland. He was the son of Michael and Mary Martin Eustace. At the age of 12 he removed to New York, where he remained eight years.

Besides his wife and many distant relatives in Pierce county, including members of other pioneer families, Mr. Eustace is survived by three children, James of Puyallup; George of Stockton, Cal., and Mrs. Mary Foy of Lacey. The body was removed to the Buckley-King company's.