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| Freeman's Journal (Sydney, NSW : 1850 - 1932)**11 December 1924****Thursday 11 December 1924****(PHOTO)**The Late Mr. James Murtough, Manly.The Late James Murtough.The long day closed on Monday of last week for Mr. James Murtough, of 'Yattendon,' James-street, Manly, when that fine old Irish Catholic gentleman passed to his reward. The deceased was widely known and highly respected as a citizen of Sydney and for the past twenty years as a resident of Manly. He always took a prominent part in Church movements, and gave cheerfully and generously in all appeals that were made to him. The deceased gentleman had just passed his eighty-second birth day, and had been in failing health for the last 12 months. In March, 1920, he was visited with a severe bereavement in the death of his wife, his life partner for fifty years. Another bereavement awaited for him, for in July, 1922, just two years and four months after the death of her mother, the youngest daughter, Elizabeth (Mrs. A. W. Bye) passed away in her father's home. When two years and four months more had elapsed death came again on Monday of last week, and this time it was a summons for the grand old man himself, and he was ready to go., for he had fought the good fight all his life he had kept the faith. It is in St. Benedict's parish, Sydney, where the name of the late Mr. James Murtough will be remembered best, for in coming from Mill Town, [Miltown] Malbay, County Clare, Ireland (where he was born) nearly eighty years ago, he arrived in Sydney when about two years of age with his parents and four sisters, who settled in St. Benedict's parish, where for over forty years the name of Murtough was identified with every movement for the good of the church and the welfare of the parish. 'Jim' Murtough, as he was familiarly known to his intimate acquaintances, grew up in St. Benedict's parish, and could rightly claim to be not merely an 'old boy' of St. Benedict's, but one of the very old St. Benedict's boys. He was a strict Catholic and true to his church always. He practised many of the virtues, particularly the greatest, for in his charity he was loving and kind-hearted to a fault, and as a business man he was always upright and honourable in his dealings with his fellow men.It was due to an inspiration of the late James Murtough that the Rosebery Racecourse was founded, and it is largely owing to his foresight and business acumen that the concern became a phenomenal success. It is interesting to know that the deceased gentleman, an ardent Home Ruler, named the course after Earl Rosebery, then a prominent champion in the fight for Ire land's freedom. After the new course along Gardener's-road was made a company was formed, of which Mr. Murtough was chairman to the end of last year. Opposite the suburb of Rosebery sprung up and it is only fitting to say that the deceased was responsible for its name. He was one of the oldest members of Tattersall's Club, Sydney. The deceased was associated in bygone days with the late Frank Smith in the old 'Sir Joseph Banks' (Botany) sporting activities. All his life the late Mr. James Murtough as a sporting man played the game and earned the respect and confidence of everyone with whom he came in contact. The family left to mourn the loss of an affectionate and ideal father consists of two sons and two daughters— Mr. James C. Murtough, Mr. George B. Murtough, Mary Murtough and Kate (Mrs. E. W. Robinson). The loss to the community will be that of a sterling and upright citizen. , The funeral left Yattendon on Tuesday afternoon, 2nd instant, for the Catholic portion of the Manly Cemetery, and a large concourse of relations and friends were in attendance. The prayers at the grave were said by the Rev. Father M'Donald (Manly parish), assisted by the Right Rev. Monsignor Hayden, P.P. (President, St. Patrick's College, Manly) and Rev. Father Lynch. The chief mourners were Mr. George B. Murtough (second son — the elder son, | Mr. James C. Murtough, being unavoidably absent owing to serious illness), Mary Murtough and Kate (Mrs E. W. Robinson), daughters; Messrs. E. W. Robinson and A. W. Bye (sons-in-law). Others present included: Martin Murtough (cousin), J. P. Curran (nephew), J. J. Curran and Martin Boes (grand nephews),- R. H. Rix, T. H. Barlow, H. B. Brewer, M. N. Quirk, M. Crowley -(City Mutual Life Assurance Society), Ald. M. Le strange (the P.V.P. Hibernian Society), S. V. Burton (N.S.W. Bookstall Co.), Alderman L. T. Courtenay (City Council), J. Underhill and J. Kenny (representing the Associated Racing Clubs), Jerome Dowling, Ald. R. S. King (Mayor of Mascot), and R. H. Jenkins (Rosebery Racecourse Co.), J. Edwards, J. P. Morris (Kensington Racecourse Co.), R. Gaut (Ascot Racecourse Co ), J. Donohue, sen., J. Donohue, jun. (Victoria Park Race course Company), J. Emanuel (Manly Bowling Club), G. M'Cann (St. Vincent de Paul Society, Manly), E. Thornton (manager, Jas. Thornton, Ltd.), E. Thornton, P. Ahearn, G. Jacobson, T O'Shaughnessy, W. J. Fowler, G. p' Burns, P. T. White, E. Harney, F T Bergin, S. Fels, B. Gant, T. J. Hughes, F. J. M'Mahon. Requiescat in pace. |  |