FUNERAL OF WAR VETERAN AND FORMER MINER

The funeral took place at Holy Trinity Church, Drybrook, on Thursday of last week of Mr. Wilfred John Marfell (71), of "Mardene," Puddlebrook, whose death was reported in last week's paper. Mr. Marfell had served in the 1914 war in the 1st Battalion of the Dorset Regiment and in the Gloucestershire Regiment.

He worked in several local collieries — the Duck, Crump Meadow, Foxes Bridge and Arthur and Edward.

Having lived most of his life in the immediate district, Mr Marfell was well known and respected.

The funeral service was conducted by the vicar (the Rev. H. G. E. Hiscox).

Mourners were Beatie (wife), Harry, Wally and David Marfell (sons), Mr. Tracy Marfell (brother), Mesdames Pearl, Jill and Hazel Marfell (daughters-in-law), sister-in-law Mrs. Minnie Dunn, nephews and nieces Wilf Marfell, Cliff Yemm, Jack Freeman, Jack Cole, Christopher Cole, Bill Orris, Joan Adams and Mary Cole.

Others attending were Mr. Mervyn and John Burford, Mr. Tony Lyne, Mr. Stan Brown, Mr. Albert Edmunds, Mr. John Meek, Mr. Len Holland, Mr. Bert Marshall.

Apologies were from Wilf and Gertie, Clifford and Dennis and Margaret James.

Bearers were Mr. Marfell's three sons, Harry, Wally and David and nephew Mr. Dennis Marfell. The organist was Mrs. June Jones and "Pleasant are thy courts above" was sung.

Funeral arrangements were carried out most satisfactorily by Messrs. Collier and Brain, of Drybrook.

FLOWERS

Family cross, his loving wife Beatie, sons and daughters-in-law; to Granddad, goodnight, God bless, from Beverly, Andrew, Geoffrey and Michael; Tracey and Evelyn (brother); Nora, Nell and Douglas and family, Win and family, Elsie, Min, Joan and Ken (sisters-in-law), Reg and Nora; Wilf and Eileen; Kit, George and family (Burford); Dennis, Jill, Judith and Carol; Cynthia and Raymond; Hilda, Gordon, Bill and Jean; Jack, Hilary and Craig; Mavis, Roger and Tony; Greta, Bert and family; Ruby, Mavis and families; Martin and Sally; Tom and Doris Marfell and family; Jack, Bill, Chris, Mary and families; Len and Eva Holland; Marion and John Meck family.

K. and G. Bilby and family; Stan and Connie; Joyce and Edgar, Alf and Flo, Bob and Ciss and family, Arthur, Eileen and Peter; Joyce, John and Adrian; Maurice and Linda Watkins; Stan, Elli and family; staff Edwards Coaches; Frank, Heather and Gillian Nash; O. H. Griffiths and family; Bert and Marg, The Crown; Vera and Albert; Dennis and Margaret James and boys; Margaret and Mervyn Burford and family; Mr. and Mrs. Stan Burford; Jack and Phyllis Innes, Coventry; Goff, Edna and Gary White; his old pal Dill.

DIED IN FRONT OF HIS FIRE

SHORTLY before he was found lying on the living room floor by his wife, Mr. Wilfred John Marfell (72), a retired miner, of Puddlebrooke, Drybrook, had complained of pains in his chest and arms.

The West Gloucestershire Coroner, Mr. Russell Jessop, was told at an inquest on Mr. Marfell, at Coleford, yesterday, by Pc M. Endy, of Drybrook, that Mrs. Marfell said her husband's pains were severe at times.

Pc Endy said that he was called to the home on January 5, where he saw the body of Mr. Marfell lying on the floor. Part of it had been burnt and there was a good fire going in the open grate.

Mrs. Marfell told him that she had thought her husband looked ill and she was intending to go for a doctor when she found him lying on the floor. He had been sitting by the fire.

When she found him, part of his clothing was alight and she cut the burning parts away.

Pathologist, Dr. C. T. Vincent, said that death was due to myocardial degeneration and pneumoconiosis was a contributory factor.

The Coroner said it was a simple case of an elderly man who had suffered from myocardial degeneration and his heart gave out while he had been sitting close to the fire. He recorded it as an industrial death due to the pneumoconiosis factor.

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MARFELL.—The wife and family of Mr. W. J. Marfell, of Puddlebrook, Drybrook, wish to thank all who showed sympathy and kindness to them in their recent sudden bereavement. Especial thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Len Holland and family, Mr. Ray Edwards, Mrs. Denise Lyne and Mr. John Brain.

Sudden death o Mr. W. J. Marfell

With regret we record the death of Mr. Wilfred John Marfell (71), of Mardene, Puddlebrook, Drybrook.

For many years Mr. Marfell worked in the mines but for the few years before his retirement he worked at A.E.I., Lydbrook.

Although he had been in indifferent health for some time, his death was sudden and unexpected. He died at his home on Saturday.

He leaves a widow and three married sons.