

Obituary reproduced from a South Australian newspaper of around the 1930s

Mr. M. Rasheed Dead – Sportsman and Businessman

Mr Mageed Rasheed, well known a business man, pastoralist, and sportsman, died suddenly at the North Adelaide Private Hospital on Saturday night, after having attended the races at Victoria Park in the afternoon. Mr. Rasheed, who was 58 years of age came to Australia 36 years ago with his brother, Mr S. Rasheed, who is also prominent in sporting circles. His business acumen soon asserted itself, and from small beginning he rose to a position of affluence, and gained the friendship and esteem of many people, not only in this State, but also in the Commonwealth.



Mr Rasheed's business activities were many and varied, but he was best known in the commercial work as a stock dealer. An excellent judge of a horse, he became the largest horse dealer in Australia, and from South Australia he sent thousands of horses to different States and India. During the war he bought horses on behalf of the Government. Before the East-West line was opened he sent on an average from 4,000 to 5,000 horses a year to Western Australia, in which State he was as well known as in South Australia. Sheep also attracted his attention, and after the opening of the transcontinental line he chartered several special trains to bring 90,000 sheep to this State. His pastoral and city holding were also large. He owned Lake Torrens, Mulooloo, and Gum Park (Redhill) stations, and also had property in the Orroroo district. The Alhambra Theatre at Port Pirie belonged to him.

As a philanthropist, he gave away large sums of money.

Loyal to his adopted country, his contributions to patriotic and other charitable institutions amounted to something like £5000. It was not unusual for him after he had won a race at a country meeting, to give the stake to the local hospital or some other deserving cause. Many of his countrymen, who settled in Australia, owe much to his generosity. He was always willing to give them a start, and when the Assyrian Association was formed four years ago, Mr. Rasheed donated 100 guineas.

As a racehorse owner his familiar colors of white jacket and green cap were prominent and respected on the racecourse. Scores of racehorse passed through his hands but some of the more prominent which carried his colors to victory were Greek Fire, Jarwin, Lakhnao, Pistol Grip, Anton Prince, Bonoria, Alice Kenilworth, Lagoon, Marachowie, Corner Block, The Star, and Boniface. Mr Rasheed as a young man was famed for his feats of strength.

There are two daughters, Mrs. W. Minther of Talia, Eyre Peninsula and Miss Nabeeha Rasheed of Adelaide. Messrs S. and Mymeed Rasheed are brothers and Mr Dean Rasheed, of Carrington is a nephew.

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