

Adolphus Smit

Rushworth Chronicle

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Another old resident of Rushworth, named Adolphus Smid (a victim of the prevailing epidemic) passed away on Monday last, on his birthday, aged 79 years.

Smid was a very old colonist, he being one of the first to arrive on the Fryers' Creek goldfield, near Castlemaine. He opened a baker's shop there and did very well, but business becoming quiet he went to the Spring Creek [Graytown] rush in 1868, afterwards coming to Rushworth in 1870.

For some years he followed the occupation of a miner but latterly has carried on the business of a green grocer.

The Rev. J. R. Walker officiated at the grave. Mr Anderson was the undertaker.

L. Widman

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L. Widman did not long survive his mate Smid, with whom he had lived for 30 years. He went to bed on the Wednesday following Smid's death, suffering from bronchial pneumonia, and died on Sunday. The deceased, who was 77 years of age, was a very old colonist.

The Rev. J. R. Walker officiated at the grave. Mr Anderson was the undertaker.

Sir,—Kindly allow me space in your valuable journal to return a word of thanks to all those kind friends who bestowed such feeling attention on the late A. Smid and L. Widman in their last illness, thereby greatly alleviating their sufferings.

Such kindness was greatly appreciated by one who has pleasure in signing himself

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