

Albert Curtis

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The friends of Mr. Albert Ernest Curtis received a painful shock when they heard the sad news that he had passed away after a week's illness.

Mr. Curtis was seized with a violent pain in the neck while visiting one of his properties at Moora on Friday, 23rd March. He immediately drove home in his car to his residence, Esmonde street, and medical aid was summoned.

He lapsed into unconsciousness about two hours after, but regained consciousness and a specialist was sent for from Melbourne. Some time after he again became unconscious, and although every medical skill could do was done he remained in an unconscious state and passed away shortly after midnight on Sunday morning last. He was 52 years of age.

The late Mr. Curtis was born at Abbotsford (Melbourne), and was the second-eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Curtis, South-Crescent, Northcote. He came to Rushworth when 18 years of age. With his brother (Mr. E. W. Curtis) they started wood mills at Youanmite and Yabba North, and also at Rushworth and did a large trade. The partnership was carried on for 21 years, after which it was mutually dissolved.

The late Mr. Curtis carried on a section of his business up to the time of his death. He also acquired mills at Colbinabbin, Erwen and Wanalta. He subsequently sold the mill at Colbinabbin to his brother William.

He married Miss Ruby Leister, of Melbourne. There was no family of the marriage. He leaves a widow, five brothers ---- Messrs E. W. Curtis, J.P. (Rushworth), Walter (Northcote), Henry (U.S.A.), Harold and Arthur (Northcote), --- and four sisters --- Nellie (Mrs. Wardrop, Thornbury), Pauline (Adelaide), May (Mrs. Shugg, Northcote) and Lillian (Mrs. Hood, Camberwell).

The late Mr. Curtis was a member of the Jubilee (Rushworth) Masonic Lodge and the Ancient Order of Foresters. He was also a vestryman of St. Paul's Church of England, Rushworth. He was well-known in Rushworth and district and made many friends. He assisted many local movements and his untimely death will cause a gap in the community.

The funeral which took place on Sunday last was one of the largest seen in the town. The remains were taken to St. Paul's Church where a short service was held by Rev. H. F. Goss.

The funeral, headed by the members of the Masonic Lodge, and followed by a long line of cars and pedestrians, representative of the town and surrounding district, then proceeded to the Rushworth Cemetery. The Church of England burial service was conducted by the Rev. H. F. Goss at the graveside and the Masonic service was read by Wor. Bro. A. Wilson. The pall bearers were Messrs. J. McKenzie, B. Hannah, A. Roberts, P. Ryan, W. A. Cochrane, Jas. Potter. The coffin bearers were Messrs. T. J. Coyle, J. L. Relph, E.F. Lyndon, J. C. Smith (members of St. Paul's Vestry), W. Laurie, W. B. Heily.

Flower-bearers were Messrs J. Ferguson, E. Geisler, T. Seignior, K. King, H. Geisler. There were many floral tributes including wreaths from the Masonic Lodge and St. Paul's Vestry. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. G. Diggle, Euroa.