

Alexander Spence

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It is with feelings of regret that we chronicle the death of Mr Alexander Spence, of Old Lead, Rushworth, which sad event occurred at St. Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne, on Saturday morning last.

Something about three months ago deceased became afflicted with a head trouble, which gradually became worse and caused him intense suffering. His medical attendant (Dr Christie) concluded that he had some disease of the brain, and after consultation with Dr Heily his removal to the hospital was recommended, and he was taken there on the Tuesday evening prior to his death.

Mr Spence was a well-known identity and carried the esteem of all with whom he became associated from the fact that he was of such a kind, obliging nature, and regret at his demise will be widespread.

He was a member of the old Sandhurst Mining Board for years up to the time of its disbandment. He was also a manager of the Waranga United Common for very many years, secretary of the local branch of the Sleeper Hewers and Sawmill Employees Association, and also a member of the local foresters' Lodge.

Although not a native of Rushworth he was very nearly so, arriving here from Bendigo with his parents when scarcely two years of age. Thus he was a resident of over 52 years, being 54 years of age.

He was a married man, and leaves a sorrowing widow and a family of eight (seven girls and one son) to mourn their loss. The family are, however, grown up. The remains were brought to Rushworth for interment and the funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon, when there was a very large attendance of sympathisers.

The Rev. J. Weir conducted the funeral service. The funeral was led by a large number of fellow members of the Foresters' Lodge, whose service at the graveside was read by Bro. T. G. Anderson.