

## **Annie Douglass**

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On Saturday information was brought into Rushworth that a married woman, a resident of Whroo, named Annie Douglass, but who had been living apart from her husband for some years, was lying dangerously ill on the side of the road between the two townships.

Constable Draper at once procured a horse and vehicle to bring the woman here. She was alive when he arrived but died before he could get her into the conveyance.

The remains were brought into Rushworth and a magisterial inquiry was held on the following morning by Dr Heily, J.P., when Constable Draper gave evidence similar to the particulars given above and Dr Christie, who had made the post-mortem examination, deposed that death was due to pneumonia, accelerated by the failure of the heart's action.

The remains were interred in the Rushworth cemetery the same afternoon.

The Rev. J. Ross officiated at the grave. Mr Anderson had charge of the funeral arrangements.

On Monday last the three youngsters, aged 8 and 7 years, and 10 months, left without a protector by the death of their mother, Annie Douglass, were brought before Drs Heily and Christie, Js.P., at the Court of Petty Sessions, Rushworth, on Monday, and charged with being neglected children. After hearing the evidence an order was made for them to be sent to the Industrial schools.