

## **Captain Alfred Darby**

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DEATH OF AN OLD SEA CAPTAIN. Rushworth, Monday.

Captain Alfred Darby died at his residence, Wanalta, on Saturday evening last. He was well known in shipping circles in the early fifties, having had command of the City of Hobart when she was trading between Victoria and Tasmania. He also had charge of the Charles Edward, and it was with this vessel that he forced the Lakes Entrance and opened up a new way of communication with Sale and Bairnsdale.

The deceased gave up the sea in consequence of failing eye sight some 23 years ago, and has resided in this district almost continuously since.

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It is with regret that we have to record the death of Captain Alfred Darby, an old resident of Rushworth.

Captain Darby was a very old colonist, having arrived in Victoria on the first occasion in 1842. He afterwards visited several parts of the world, and on returning was placed in charge of the City of Hobart, which was then trading between Victoria and Tasmania and afterwards with New Zealand.

Subsequently he was appointed captain of the Charles Edward and it was with this ship that he succeeded in getting through the Lakes Entrance in Gippsland, he being the first man to take a steamer up to Bairnsdale.

"The Captain," as he was generally called, was of a most generous disposition, and an appeal to him where the cause was a deserving one was never made in vain.

Some years since he purchased a nice estate from the Messrs Boyes Bros, and others, and it was there that he breathed his last on Saturday evening.

The remains were interred in the Rushworth cemetery on Monday, and the Rev J. R. Walker conducted the service. The funeral arrangements were in Mr Anderson's hands.