

Charles Brydon

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As briefly reported in our last issue, the death occurred at the Alfred Hospital on Wednesday, 8th inst, of Mr. Charles Brydon, who resided for some years at Carag Carag and was well-known and highly respected throughout the district.

The deceased had not been in good health for the past 18 months, and he grew worse during the past four weeks. He went to the Alfred Hospital, Melbourne, to undergo an operation. After the operation he rallied, but about 10 hours later he collapsed and passed away at 10 o'clock on the Wednesday morning.

The late Mr. Brydon was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. James Brydon of "St. Ronan's", Carag Carag. He was born at Cobar, near Kyneton in 1879, and was thus 49 years of age at the time of his death. He came to Carag Carag 46 years ago.

In 1907 he went to the Argentine, South America, as the representative of the late firm of Messrs. Nicholson and Morrow, Melbourne, to introduce that firm's harvester to that country. On his return in 1908 he wrote an article under the title of "Round the World" by the "Wanderer", which appeared in the "Chronicle".

He returned to the Argentine in 1909, accompanied by his brother (Mr. R. J. Brydon) to still further the Union line of harvesters in Southern Argentine. On his return he entered into business in Melbourne, and later took up land in the Mallee.

Whilst in Melbourne he enlisted for the war, but was unable to get to the front.

He was one of the pioneers of the Mallee in the Watchie district. He recently purchased Little Coombie station in that district. He contested a seat as councillor for the Swan Hill Shire Council and was elected. When his term was up he was re-elected unopposed and was elected President of the Shire Council. He was selected to represent the Council at Bendigo on the occasion of the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York to that city, and was accompanied by Mrs Brydon.

He was a member of the Jubilee Lodge (Rushworth) of Freemasons and afterwards of the Ultima Lodge, of which he was P.M.

He married Miss Jessie Furphy, fourth daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. I. Furphy, of Rushworth. He was a brother of Mrs. Ward Sprunt (Burrumboot East), D. G. Brydon (Swan Hill), Mrs. J. Lewer (East Melbourne), R. J. Brydon (Murrumbeena), H. J. Brydon (Hawthorn) and W. H. Brydon (Hillston, NSW). He leaves a widow and a family of four daughters and a son.

The deceased's remains were brought from Melbourne and interred in the Rushworth cemetery on Friday last, the cortege being one of the largest seen here. The members of the Jubilee Lodge of Freemasons, together with five cars containing friends of the deceased from Swan Hill, and five cars from Ultima, containing members of the Ultima Lodge Freemasons, and a large number of local citizens following the remains from the residence of Mr Ross Furphy, Stanhope road (brother-in-law of deceased) to their last resting place.

The Rev. J. Raff conducted the funeral service of the Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. Canon Grist, assisted by Bro. R. W. Leary, W. M., Ultima Lodge, read the Masonic burial service. Amongst the floral tributes were wreaths of immortelles from the Ultima Lodge and from the girl employees in the workroom of the deceased's sister (Mrs. J. Lewer, East Melbourne.)