

David Edwards

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Many old Rushworthites will learn with regret that Mr David Edwards has passed away, his death having taken place at the Mooroopna Hospital on Saturday morning last.

The deceased who was born at Manchester, England, in 1814, joined the army at the age of 21, enlisting for the 1st Dragoon Guards, to which company he had attached for a period of over nine years.

He was promoted to the rank of corporal in 1840, and to that of sergeant in 1844. He saw active service with the guards in British North America and the Crimea, and on the recall of the regiment volunteered for India, being transferred to the 10th Hussars.

His Indian service comprised some hard fighting. Mr Edwards finally retired from the army in 1860, having served in all 25 years with an unblemished record. Testimonials under the hand of his superior officers speak of him in terms of unexceptional praise.

The deceased resided in Rushworth for a period of over 30 years, his probity of character and general good behaviour obtained for him great respect.

His remains were interred in the Rushworth cemetery on Sunday last. Owing to the fact of his death being not generally known the number of persons present was small.

A touching incident of the interment was the placing (at the request of deceased) on his coffin of a pair of gloves given to him by Florence Nightingale.

The Rev. J. R. Walker officiated at the grave.