

Edward G. Hammond

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HAMMOND. --- On the 11th January, at his residence, Phillip street, Rushworth, Edward George, beloved husband of Jane, and father of William (deceased), Fred, Cis (Mrs. W. R. Laurie), Flo., Janet (deceased), Jessie, Alf. (A.I.F., deceased), Rose (Mrs. J. S. Laurie), Tom and Edith (Mrs. G. King). Aged 81 years. (Late of Waranga). No mourning by request.

The death of Mr. Edward G. Hammond, which occurred at his residence, Phillips Street, Rushworth, on the 11th inst., has removed yet another of the pioneers of the district from our midst.

The late Mr. Hammond was born in London in 1856, and, when four years of age, came to Melbourne with his parents, in the sailing ship "Caldera", who took up residence in Brunswick, where his father held the position of first rate collector. Later, the family moved to Lancefield where farming pursuits were followed.

In 1878, Mr. Hammond selected land at Waranga, and in 1885 married Jane, daughter of the late William and Janet Bennie, also of Lancefield.

Until two years ago he resided in Waranga, when, owing to ill-health, he retired and came to reside in Rushworth. He had many interesting recollections of the early days of Rushworth and Waranga, and was a keen advocate for the construction of the railway line from Murchison East to Rushworth and assisted in the establishment of the Methodist Church and State School at Waranga.

He leaves a widow, and of his family of four sons and six daughters, two sons and five daughters survive him, and are well known residents of the district. One of his sons gave his life in the Great War.

The deceased was a brother of Hammond Bros., Miss Hammond and Mrs. E. J. Brisbane, of Murchison.

The interment took place at the Rushworth Cemetery on Tuesday last, and was largely attended by residents of the town and district. The Rev. Mr. Tyson, of the Methodist Church, officiated, and the funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr. E. F. Anderson.