

Edward "Ned" Capon

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"Ned" Capon, as he was familiarly called, was an old gentleman of Whroo, who was one of the very few of the earliest pioneers now remaining.

He was a native of London (England), was 80 years of age, and landed in Victoria per the Clara Symes as far back as 1853.

He became indisposed a few weeks back, and removed to a room at the rear of Mr F. Rich's premises, where he died on Monday last. Ha was a very fine old fellow, and bore the impress of a gentleman in his every action.

His remains were interred in the Rushworth cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, the Rev J. R. Walker reading the service, while the pall-bearers were Messrs G. A. Darby, F. Rich, R. McMurray and E. A. Muhlhan.

Deceased was one of those who saw life as it was in the early days. He went to the diggings immediately upon arrival in the colony, and in 1858 found his way to Rushworth. He left again in 1862, going to New Zealand, and later on to British Columbia. In '64 he was again on Chinaman's Flat, Rushworth, but again set off for New Zealand. 1871 found him back here again, but he took periodical turns in New Zealand and New South Wales.

He always seemed to drift back to the old spot, and for the past forty years has resided in the district, chiefly in the vicinity of Whroo and Fontainbleau. He was a tinsmith by trade, and made the first bath ever manufactured in Bendigo.

He was very methodical man, and kept a diary of his wanderings, and this will no doubt prove interesting reading for his relatives in England.