

Edward Johnson

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An old and highly respected resident of the Rushworth district passed away during Monday night at his residence, Murchison road. We refer to Mr Edward Johnson, who, after years of patient suffering, succumbed to that dreaded disease, miners' phthisis.

Born 54 years ago, the deceased spent most of his life in Rushworth, being engaged in mining, and his knowledge of the various reefs was extensive. His quest of the precious metal met with varying success, but, being possessed of an undaunted spirit, he succeeded where many another man would have failed.

The deadly work, which has resulted in the death of so many men before him, eventually had its effect on him, and for many years past his health had not been good.

A few years ago the deceased, with his wife, left Rushworth, only to return about a year ago, to commence business as a stationer.

Deceased was the son of the late W. Johnson, who was connected with the old Nuggetty hotel. He leaves a wife and grown-up family of four sons and two daughters to mourn their loss.

The remains were interred in the local cemetery on Wednesday afternoon, a large number of mourners, headed by the Rushworth Brass Band (of which deceased was an old-time member) following the remains to their last resting place.

Rev. B. A. Rowell read the service at the grave. The local branch of the Ancient Order of Oddfellows, of which the deceased was a member, tendered him a lodge funeral, and Bro. T. G. Anderson read the lodge service.

The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr E. F. Anderson.