

## George Hawking

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On Tuesday morning there passed away at his home, Rushworth road, Murchison, one of the most respected residents of the district in the person Mr. G. F. Hawking, following a long illness, for the last 10 weeks of which he was confined to his bed.

The late Mr. Hawking, who was born at Redcastle 62 years ago, came to Rushworth with his parents at an early age and was educated at Rushworth State School. Leaving school he joined the staff of the Rushworth Chronicle, and with the exception of a short period mining on completing his apprenticeship at the Chronicle, and sleeper hewing in Western Australia, remained in the employ of this firm until his last illness.

He was married in 1895 at Rushworth to Miss Susan Pugh who predeceased him 11 years ago. In 1928 he was married to Miss Very Chambers and shortly after this shifted his home to Murchison where he managed the Murchison Advertiser for the Rushworth Printing Company.

During his life Mr. Hawking was a faithful worker for the Methodist Church, and for a long period was a local preacher in Rushworth Circuit. He had a long and helpful connection with the Star of the Valley Tent of the Independent Order of Rechabites, and for many years gave excellent service as its secretary until his removal to Murchison.

At Murchison he took an active interest in the Boy Scouts and on his retirement as secretary of the local committee, was made a presentation by the scouts which he prized very highly. Other bodies which received the benefit of his assistance were the Murchison Wood Day (being secretary for many years), the Noorilim Coursing Club of which he was also secretary until the club ceased its activities; the Goulburn Weir Sports Club and the Murchison Agricultural Society. He was also very interested in the welfare of the Murchison Mechanics Institute and was president of the committee until illness prevented him from carrying on.

Deceased is survived by sorrowing wife and eight children, one child having predeceased him. The children are May (Mrs. R. McKenzie), Violet (Mrs. G. Townsend), George, Daphne (Mrs. R. McInnes), Ethel (Mrs. A. Oliver, Elwood), Arthur (Yarram), Elva and David (deceased).

Prior to the funeral Rev. E. A. Hinson conducted a short service at the house and many friends followed the remains to their last resting place in the Rushworth cemetery where Rev. Hinson again officiated and the Rechabite burial service was read by Brother E. J. Brisbane.

The coffin bearers were Messrs R. McKenzie, R. McInnes, G. Townsend (sons-in-law) and E. R. Brice. Kittle Bros. had charge of the mortuary arrangements.

Mrs. G. F. Hawking and the family of the late Mr. G. F. Hawking wish to sincerely thank all kind friends and relatives for letters, cards, telegrams, floral tributes and personal expressions of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement, especially thanking Dr. Andrews. Will all please accept this as a personal acknowledgement.