

Harry Pepperell

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PEPPERELL.—On 13th March, at his residence, Rushworth, Harry, beloved husband of Christina Pepperell, and father of William. Aged 74 years.

Profound regret was felt by a large body of friends when the news was announced of the death, on Friday last, of an old resident of Rushworth, in the person of Mr Harry Pepperell, who passed away at his home at Rushworth after an illness extending over eight months.

The late Mr Pepperell was 74 years of age. He was born at Gawler, South Australia, and came to Rushworth in 1889. A saddler and harness maker by trade, he came to Rushworth to manage a branch business for Mr. H. Vial, of Murchison, and continued in that capacity when Mr. Vial's interests were acquired by a Mr. Davies, from whom Mr. Pepperell eventually purchased the business and built the shop now occupied by Mr. W. Prentice, who started in the trade under his guidance. Mr. Prentice purchased Mr. Pepperell's interests in the business 13 years ago, when he went into partial retirement, continuing grazing interests which he had previously acquired.

Mr. Pepperell was a very fine tradesman and his work was greatly sought after, with the result that he established a profitable connection in the days before the horse was relegated to the background by motors.

The scrupulous honesty and fair-mindedness which characterised Mr. Pepperell as a businessman, was a reflection of his private life. Upright and honourable and kindly, he had very many friends who feel a great loss at his passing.

Although not very active in public affairs, he did all that a busy man could do to help local activities along and financial assistance for worthy causes was always readily given by him.

In South Australia he was a well-known cricketer and possessed several trophies for performances in all departments of the game. He was a foundation member of the Rushworth bowling club and had been a member of the Foresters' Lodge since 1882.

He was married twice his first wife being a Miss Glass, a school teacher at Rushworth, and who died many years ago. He was married 25 years ago to Miss Christina Raglus, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. Raglus, of Gobarup, who with their son, Will, is left to mourn the loss of a devoted husband and father.

He is also survived by one brother and three sisters.

The funeral to the Rushworth cemetery on Saturday last was attended by a large and representative gathering of mourners. Rev E. A. Hinson officiated at the graveside and the Foresters' service was read by Bro. Chris. Brown.

The coffin bearers were Messrs W. and H. Raglus, W. Slee (brothers-in-law) and E. Geisler.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by E. F. Anderson.