

Henry Mess

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MESS. – At Mooroopna Hospital, on September 1st, 1923, Henry, beloved husband of Elsie and father of Anton, Thyra (Mrs. Buchanan), Marie, (Mrs Haines), Henry and Charlie.

Deeply mourned and sadly missed.

We regret to have to record the death of an old and respected resident of the Rushworth district in the person of Mr. Henry Mess, who died in the Mooroopna Hospital on Saturday last.

Born in Fhmern, an island in the Baltic, in the year 1849, the late Mr. Mess immigrated to Australia in the year 1865 and came to Colbinabbin to the home of his uncle (the late Mr. C. H. Wendel), where he stayed until the year 1879.

He then came to Gobarup and settled on the land, and resided there until January, 1922.

He gave up farming and came to live in Rushworth until sickness overtook him about two months ago, which necessitated his removal to Mooroopna Hospital. He left that institution about the end of July and came back to his home, but, not getting on too well, he decided to return to the hospital.

Improvement did not take place as expected, and the end came at 12.30 p. m. on Saturday as stated, the cause of death being heart failure.

He leaves a widow and three sons and two daughters to mourn their loss. The news causes much regret amongst those who knew him, and generally in the town and district.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, the remains being brought from Mooroopna for interment in the Rushworth Cemetery. The Rev. F. Grist (Anglican) officiated at the graveside, the mortuary arrangements being carried out by Mr. E. F. Anderson.