

James Potter

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After a lingering illness, there passed away at the Waranga Basin Camp on Sunday afternoon last an old and highly respected resident of the Rushworth district in the person of Mr James W. Potter.

The deceased gentleman, who was 69 years of age at the time of his death, had been practically an invalid for some years past, and during the past few months he suffered considerably, and death must have come as a happy release.

Deceased had been a resident of Rushworth for practically 40 years, and during that time he took an active interest in many public matters. For some years he represented the Rushworth district on the Bendigo Mining Board, being re-elected to this position on several occasions.

He commenced life as a member of the Victorian Police Force, and the tales he could tell of his many experiences in the capacity of a police constable of the diggings in the early days and in pursuit of the notorious Kelly gang of bushrangers were indeed interesting.

During his long residence at Rushworth his principal occupation was that of a miner, but during the past few years he had acted as camp orderly at Waranga Basin, in which capacity he gained the high esteem and respect of the camp residents.

A widow and grown-up family of five sons and four daughters are left to mourn their loss, and to them we join with our readers in extending deep sympathy.

The remains were brought to Rushworth and interred in the local cemetery on Tuesday afternoon last, a large number of mourners showing their last respect to deceased by joining in the cortege.

The Church of England service was read at the graveside by Rev. G. Nelson, and Mr E. F. Anderson had charge of the funeral arrangements.