

James Walter Poulson

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Quite a gloom was cast over Rushworth when last week it was known that James Walter Poulson had passed away.

The late Mr. J. W. Poulson arrived in Rushworth when quite an infant, with highly respected parents. When quite a lad he gained valuable rural and stock experience on Stanhope Station, then leased by Mr Martin. The experience made him a good judge of stock and a good horseman

He then joined the well-known Goulburn Valley Stock agents of Messrs Martin Cussen & Co., being their agent for this district, and valued member of that staff.

Always ambitious, he then became associated with one of the engineers (Mr. Tisdale) who was in charge of the construction of the Waranga Mallee Channel. Once again his knowledge of horses stood him in good stead, and he started contracting on his own account with big teams of horses, and completed several big earth-moving contracts with both the State Rivers and Municipal Councils.

The lure of the stock and land business was too strong, and in partnership with his brother Harry, he leased and carried on several properties in this and surrounding districts.

Once again he went back to the auctioneering business, and in partnership with Messrs Brady and Muhlhan carried on with that firm for some years, and later carried on by himself. He was a first class judge of stock and values, and a good salesman. His services were recognised and when there was a vacancy in the well-known Newmarket firm of Messrs McArthur and McLeod, he became one of that firm's leading salesmen.

His duties took him all over Victoria and New South Wales and he remained with that firm for several years, selling every week at Newmarket, and was highly esteemed.

By this time his boys, Harry and Doug, were growing up, and although he still carried on his agency business he also had a saw mill in the station yard, which was quite a successful enterprise.

During his lifetime in Rushworth the late Mr Poulson spent a great deal of time helping other people. He had outstanding ability and was always ready to help those who were not so well gifted. If a deputation was to meet Railways Commissioners or anybody who was hearing a case for the benefit of the town or townspeople, irrespective of their station in life Jim was always chosen as one of the spokesmen.

If anyone was receiving a send-off or any recognition, then J.W.P. was put in charge as chairman. If a sports meeting of any kind was held for any cause at all then he was always prominent, and his knowledge of horses once again was most useful.

He was truly one of the best men Rushworth has produced --- he will be sadly missed ----- but his good deeds will long remain in the minds of Rushworth people.

To his sorrowing wife and family we extend our sincere and deepest sympathy.

MEMORIAM

POULSON --- November 23rd at his residence, Stanhope road, Rushworth, James Walter Poulson, dearly loved husband of Minnie Rebecca, loving father of Joy (Mrs Anderson), Harry, Gwen (Mrs F. Williams), Eileen (Mrs Abercrombie), Doug, Patricia (Mrs Dickson), Adrienne and Kay.

Father- in-law of Wilson, Angela, Frank, Bob, Zane, Bill and Michael. --- Loving memories.

POULSON --- November 23rd, beloved Grandpa of Jennifer, Bill, Roger and Felicity Anderson; John and Richard Poulson; John, Sue, James, Ross and Ian Williams; Robert, Neil and Anne Abercrombie; Barbara and Haig Poulson; Prudence and Billy Dickson. ---- Sadly missed.

