

Janet Davies

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DAVIES. – On the 5th December, at her late residence, “Trevethin”, Moora street, Rushworth, Janet, relict of the late Abraham Davies, and devoted mother of John (Caulfield), Christina (Mrs. A. J. Sleep, Rushworth), Thomas (East Kew), Alexander (Rushworth), Elizabeth (Mrs. S. E. Sleep, Essendon) and William (Rushworth). Aged 79 years.

Nearer, My God, to Thee.

It is with much regret that the community learned of the death on 5th December of Mrs. Janet Davies, of Moora street, Rushworth.

Deceased was the widow of the late Mr. Abraham Davies, one of the early pioneering farmers, who brought to bear on his agricultural pursuits such thorough methods that he quickly made a competency.

Mrs. Davies, whose maiden name was Janet Dunn, was born in Scotland, and came to Australia in the “fifties” as a girl of about 9 years of age.

Practically all her life of 79 years was spent in the Rushworth district. She has seen Victoria develop from the gold era and primeval forest to its present stage of marvellous development.

With her passes another of the pioneers, who in the spirit of adventure left the Homeland to seek fortune in a land then really unknown. How these pioneers succeeded is history, and it is to them that the present generation has primarily to thank for their inheritance of Australia and all that it offers.

Following the death of her husband Mrs. Davies has lived in quiet retirement at Rushworth, which had greater attraction for her than the lure of city life.

While unostentatious in her benefactions, Mrs. Davies gave generously to whatever appealed to her as worthy. She was more known in the circle of the Methodist church than in any other feature of her life, and had handed for herself the title of the “mother of the church”.

A family of four sons and two daughters and several grandchildren mourn her loss.

The funeral took place at the Rushworth Cemetery on the 6th December, and was largely attended. Prior to the interment a service was held at the Methodist church.

The Rev. F. C. Boundy conducted the service at the church and graveside.