

Jeremiah Ryan

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It is with great regret that we have to report a sad and fatal accident that happened to Mr Jeremiah Ryan, a farmer, residing at Girgarre East, on Saturday night last.

It seems that on the evening in question, while returning home, in a spring cart, from Mr Brady's sale, in company with Mr T. Ryan, a relation of his, and when near Mr Baldwin's store, the back band of the saddle snapped, and, there being no breeching, the point of the shafts dropped to the ground, causing the front board to strike the horse.

The animal then dashed forward, and, getting beyond control, capsized the cart, against a sapling. T. Ryan was fortunate enough to fall clear, but poor Jerry, as he was familiarly called, was caught underneath the edge of the cart, it falling across his throat.

Mr Baldwin's men, hearing a call for help, ran towards the spot. On their arrival it only took a moment to raise the side of the vehicle and drag Ryan out, but, alas! too late, for life was already extinct.

The body was removed to Mr Brown's hotel, and a magisterial inquiry held by Mr Everist on the following day. After hearing the evidence, a verdict of accidental death was returned.

Ryan's remains were followed to the Rushworth cemetery on Tuesday last by a large concourse of people, who came from all parts of the district to pay a last tribute of respect to the memory of the unfortunate deceased.

His body was placed in the grave alongside his wife and son, who died some years since. He leaves a family of eight children to mourn their loss.