

Jimmy Ryan

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Another of the old Rushworth mining identities, known as Jimmy Ryan, has joined the great majority.

Poor fellow, his only enemy was himself. In years gone by he often had exceptional slices of luck but he always spent his earnings in liquor. Latterly his health failed, and he had to go to the Bendigo Hospital for medical attendance.

A few days since, feeling better, he wrote to his old mates to sent **[send]** him some money to bring him home. The money was sent, and Jimmy got as far as Elmore on Friday evening, when it is supposed that he indulged too freely, and being unable to find a friendly corner wherein to rest, he lay down on the footpath to sleep.

The severity of the weather was however too much for him in his weak state, for he was found dead next morning.

Rushworth Cemetery records include three Ryans shown without given names. One is listed in the Catholic section, grave number 137. Being a relatively low number, it could relate to a burial in 1880, and may well be Jimmy.