

## John Clayton

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CLAYTON. --- On the 2nd of April, at "Old Lead", Rushworth, John, beloved husband of Emma and loving father of John, Elizabeth (Mrs. J. D. Thompson), Albert, Olive (Mrs. W. Northausen), Henry, Florrie (Mrs. H. Meyers), Ruby (Mrs. C. Hannah) and Cyril, aged 81 years.

Guard his safely sacred tomb. Till we, his loved ones, ask for room.

Mrs. Clayton and family desire to tender their sincere thanks to all kind friends for cards, telegrams, letters of condolence and other expressions of sympathy during their recent sad bereavement, especially thanking Dr. Dickson, Mrs. Owen, and Messrs. Ern Miller, Jim Smith and Jack Thompson.

One of the oldest pioneers of the Rushworth district passed away at his residence, Old Lead, Rushworth, on Tuesday, second inst., in the person of Mr. J. Clayton, at the age of 81 years.

He had not been in good health lately and his death was not altogether unexpected.

The late Mr. Clayton was born at Terrington, King's Lynn, Norfolk, England, and came to Australia when 19 years of age. He first went to Carlsruhe, Kyneton, 59 years ago, and later selected land in the Colbinabbin and Gobarup districts. He afterwards gave up farming and came to live in Rushworth about 40 years ago.

His father was a cousin of the great animal painter Harrison Weir.

He was of a genial nature and was generally respected by his numerous friends. He leaves his widow and a grown-up family of four sons and four daughters, five children having predeceased him.

The funeral took place on Wednesday last week, the remains being interred in the Rushworth Cemetery.

The burial service was conducted by the Rev. F Haynes (Methodist) and the funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. E. F. Anderson.