

## John Groom, senior

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An old and familiar figure in the person of Mr John Groom, senr., passed from our midst on Sunday morning last, at the advanced age of 82 years.

Deceased was a very old colonist and in the earlier days followed the occupation of a miner, having visited most of the important diggings in the state. He settled on his small holding on the Moora road, Rushworth (which he occupied to the time of his death) between thirty and forty years ago.

Groom was a very active man, in fact, despite his age he was seen in the town less than a week prior to his death, having walked up from his old home, a distance of nearly three miles. He was much respected and general regret was expressed at his demise.

He leaves a widow and grown-up family to mourn their loss.

The remains were interred in the Rushworth cemetery on Tuesday. The Rev. J. R. Walker officiated at the grave. Mr Anderson was the undertaker.

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We regret to have to record the death of Mr Wm. Evans, which sad event occurred at his late residence, Stanhope road, Rushworth, on Sunday morning last.

Deceased had been ailing for some considerable time past, having contracted miner's complaint and his death was not unexpected.

He was generally respected and regret is felt at his early death, he only being 41 years of age.

Evans followed the occupation of a miner and at times did a little engine-driving, but during the past twelve months had been unable to do any work whatever.

Some years ago he married a Miss Groom, a daughter of the Mr John Groom mentioned above, and it is rather a coincidence that the two should have expired within a few hours of each other and that they were buried the same afternoon.

Mrs Evans is therefore left to mourn the loss of both husband and father. Deceased also leaves two young children.

The remains were interred in the Rushworth cemetery on Tuesday, the Rev. Mr Walker performing the burial rites. Mr Medhurst had charge of the funeral arrangements.