

## John Reed (not Read)

Rushworth Chronicle

18 April, 1884

An accident which terminated fatally occurred at Rushworth on Saturday evening last. It appears that John Read, aged about 50 years, a resident of the township, and a miner in the district of some 30 years' standing, after giving his horse a drink at the local standpipe, led it to his house in the Runnymede road, and turning it loose, went indoors.

Subsequently, he heard a noise outside, and ascertained that the animal was attempting to obtain some of the water that was used for drinking purposes. Read, without pausing to consider that the horse was in the habit of kicking when struck with a missile, picked up a stick and hit it on the hind quarters. It immediately kicked him in the abdomen.

Dr Heily was at once called in, but, despite his care, the sufferer succumbed to his injuries on the Sunday following.

Deceased, who was well known and much respected, leaves a widow and grown-up family to mourn their loss.

***Cemetery records show a Read/Reed, without a given name, in grave 87. It should almost certainly be Reed, based on the following family notice published in July, 1893.***

IN MEMORIAM.

REED.—In fond and loving remembrance of our dear mother, Catherine Reed, who died on 9th July, 1891; also our dear father, John Reed, who died on 13th April, 1884, at Rushworth.

The shock was great, the pain severe.  
To part with those we loved so dear:  
Our trial was hard, we'll not complain.  
But trust in God to meet again.

-Inserted by their loving children.