

## John Thomas

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[There was prior reference to the death of Sarah Ludlow, found in her bed.]

The second death was that of John Thomas, an old age pensioner residing at Whroo.

It appears that when a lad named Jones, in the employ of Messrs Cracknell Bros, called with bread on Saturday he found that Thomas had not used the loaf left during his absence on the previous day. Jones thought the circumstance somewhat peculiar, and tried to arouse Thomas.

As he could not do so he went inside and was surprised to find the old man lying in bed dead. The police were advised and took charge of the body. There were no suspicious circumstances, death being evidently due to old age.

On being communicated with Coroner Read Murphy ordered the burial of deceased without an inquiry.

Thomas was 85 years of age, and was in receipt of a pension of 6s per week. He must have denied himself even the bare necessities of life, as an evidence of his frugality was forthcoming in the fact that the police found £10 in his possession. The money was in two small bags one in either trousers pocket, and was composed entirely of two shilling and half-crown pieces.

Those acquainted with him aver that this money must have been saved entirely from his 6s a week pension.

***Footnote: A John Thomas is listed in Rushworth cemetery records.***