

John Matheson

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DEATH.

MATHESON.—On the 3rd August, at Moora, John, beloved husband of E. Matheson, Moora, aged 75.

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One of the oldest and most respected residents of the Rushworth district, in the person of Mr John Matheson, of Moora, we regret to say, passed away on Tuesday night last, after an illness of some three weeks.

Mr Matheson was a brother of the late Mr Donald Matheson, of Knowsley, and it was on the latter's invitation that the later came to this colony from California in 1853. His brother erected the hotel at Moora for him shortly after his arrival, and Mr Matheson kept the hotel for nearly 30 years, when he allowed the license to lapse.

On the resignation of the late Mr G. D. Heily, Mr Matheson was appointed poundkeeper, a position which he held up to the day of his death.

He was a man with a large heart, and many a man stumping the country hard up received assistance at his hands. He was a capital hand among horses and the earlier settlers in the district had many a time to thank him for veterinary services rendered, he being always ready and willing to lend a helping hand to a neighbour in this way.

In other respects he was also to be admired, and his genial and kindly nature made for him many friends throughout the district, who will learn of his death with sorrow.

He leaves a widow and six children to mourn their loss. Mr Matheson had reached the ripe age of 75.

The funeral, which takes place today, will leave his late residence for the Rushworth cemetery at 1 p.m.

Funeral Notice.

The friends of the late Mr John Matheson are respectfully invited to follow his remains to their place of interment, the Rush worth cemetery. The funeral is appointed to leave his late residence. Moora, at 1 p.m. today (Friday), 6th August. G. ANDERSON, Undertaker.

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The usual fortnightly meeting of the Moora Debating Society was held on Saturday evening last, Mr A. Mackie (president) occupying the chair, there were a large number of members and visitors present. Several new members were proposed and elected. On the motion of Mr F. G. Galbraith, seconded by Mr J. McCrae, it was unanimously resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs Matheson, expressing the sympathy of the society in her recent sad bereavement, the mover of the motion referring to the loss the district had sustained at Mr Matheson's decease.