

Joseph Woodward

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We regret to record the death of Mr Joseph Woodward, a resident of Rushworth since 1870, which took place at the Mooroopna Hospital on Saturday last.

Deceased was born at Welburne, in Yorkshire, England, and came to Australia in 1852. On his arrival, like most others of the time, he followed mining pursuits and proved himself, throughout his career, a genuine prospector.

Deceased opened and named the field of Raywood. He also claimed to be the discoverer of the White Hills, in this district, and also the Hard Hills. Raywood gave him an independency, but, unfortunately for himself, his investments were of a mining nature and cost him the loss of his fortune.

Deceased never recovered from this reverse, but as long as he was able he steadily continued to prospect, especially in this district, in which he had unbounded faith and looked upon the field as undeveloped.

Deceased was a man of very high rectitude, and was honored and esteemed by all who knew him. His remains were interred in the Rushworth cemetery on Monday last, the funeral service being read by the Rev. P. W. Wray.