

Joseph Short

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SHORT.—On the 13th inst., at the Mooroopna Hospital, Joseph, second eldest son of the late John Short, of County Tyrone, Ireland, aged 48 years.

Much regret was expressed when the news was received in Rushworth on Saturday that Joseph Short had expired at the Mooroopna hospital on the previous evening.

The surprise was all the greater because, although many knew that he had been hurt, very few had learned that he was so severely injured as to necessitate his being taken to that institution.

It appears that his death was caused by an accident he met with on the Monday previous, while working at his puddling machine at Sloan's Gully. He was alone at the time, but from the marks about the place it is thought that he had his dray half loaded when his horse started off, and while endeavoring to stop it he tripped over a bank of earth and fell backwards, the near wheel going over the lower part of his body.

He managed to get to his home near the Moora road during the day, but did not send for his medical attendant, Dr Heily, till Wednesday evening, but even then nothing serious was anticipated.

It was not until Friday that dangerous symptoms were observed, and then it was decided that the best place for him would be the hospital, especially as an important operation would have to be performed.

Shortly after his arrival at the institution he was put under chloroform and the operation was commenced, when it was found that he was suffering from extensive lacerations of the intestines, and he gradually sank and died during the night.

The remains were brought from Mooroopna on Sunday and interred in the Rushworth cemetery on the following afternoon.

Short, who was of a very kindly disposition, was a general favourite, and consequently the funeral cortege comprised a very numerous following. The Rev. J. R. Walker officiated at the grave, and Mr Anderson was the undertaker.