

Leonardo Guiliani

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OBITUARY.

The terrible heat experienced during the past fortnight has been directly responsible for the deaths of quite a number of our old residents, for the climatic conditions have been so severe as to render life almost a burden for those of younger years. The first to succumb was:

Mr Leonardo Guiliani, who passed away on Friday evening last after a comparatively brief illness, his death no doubt being accelerated by the trying conditions prevailing.

"Leonard," as he was more familiarly called, was a resident of nearly forty years, and it is safe to assert that during that period he incurred the displeasure of none and earned for himself a reputation for honesty, sobriety and goodwill towards his fellow mortals such as few men attain.

In the earlier days he followed the occupation of a carter in conjunction with his brother (Joseph Guiliani), and derived therefrom a competency which enabled him to pass the last ten or fifteen years in comparative ease. He was 79 years of age.

His remains were interred on Saturday afternoon, and the esteem in which he was held was evidenced by the number of people who followed his remains to their last resting place.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Father Lawless, of Tatura.

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Probate of the will of the late Mr Leonardo Guiliani, of Rushworth, who died recently, has been granted. The amount sworn for probate purposes was £8,991 and it was invested chiefly at interest on deposit in the local bank. In the early days deceased was a carter in conjunction with his brother, and although it was generally acknowledged that the pair accumulated money it came as a surprise to many that the sum on Leonard's behalf was so great. It is an evidence of what can be achieved when prosperity and frugality run together in double harness. Of late years deceased lived a retired life on such humble lines as almost to induce some people to the belief that he was next door to indigent circumstances. Doubtless he derived a large measure of satisfaction from the fact that his relatives would benefit as the result of his own denial, for the money is to be divided between no less than fourteen family connections, each of which will receive a substantial sum.