

Leslie Joy McLeod

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SAD DROWNING FATALITY.

Infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. McLeod.

A sad drowning accident occurred at Stanhope on Tuesday morning last at about 11 o'clock, victim being Leslie Joy, the infant daughter of Mr and Mrs K. McLeod, soldier settlers at Stanhope.

It appears that the little toddler, who was a year and four months of age, wandered away from her parents' house towards a waterhole, that was used by Mr. McLeod for watering his garden. The parents, missing the child, went to look for her, and found her lying about in about 18 inches of water in the hole.

Every effort was made at resuscitation and Dr Jelbart of Kyabram was telephoned for, and on his arrival he pronounced life extinct.

Constable McMillan of Rushworth, went to Stanhope and arranged for an inquest which was held before Mr. W. H. Emmett, J.P., of Stanhope, on Monday afternoon, who, after hearing the evidence, recorded a verdict of accidental death by drowning.

Mrs McLeod is a daughter of Mr. C. and Mrs. Miller of Rushworth, and very deep sympathy has been expressed for the sorrowing parents and relatives in their untimely bereavement.

Rushworth cemetery listings include reference to "Lesley Ivy McLeod". Though the spelling of both given names is in question, there is reason to anticipate that the listing refers to this little girl, "Leslie Joy". The McLeod family property was known as "Kenalma".