

Margaret O'Neill

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Another gap in the fast dwindling ranks of pioneer men and women has been caused by the death of Mrs. Margaret O'Neill, who died at Camberwell on Friday last, at the age of 75 years.

Born at Kyneton, her maiden name was Dwyer. She accompanied her brothers to Cornella fifty years ago, when they selected land there, and had resided in the Rushworth district until a few months ago.

She married the late Patrick O'Neill, who predeceased her four years ago.

The late Mrs. O'Neill was a sturdy woman, respected and honoured for her uprightness and fine qualities as a mother and neighbour.

She is survived by six children, viz., Alice (Sister Martha, Kyneton), Annie (Mrs. Creed, Kew), Jim (Middle Park), Kate (Mrs. Walsh, Timmering), Charles (Rushworth) and Vincent (Rushworth). A daughter, Molly (Mrs. P. Kennedy) predeceased her.

The remains were brought to Rushworth for interment on Sunday last, the Rev. Father Tehan performing the last rites.

The coffin bearers were Messrs J. Roach, J. Connelly, E. F. Anderson, C. McInnes, and the pallbearers Messrs M. Roach, J. Koopman, A. Ryan, J. Potter, T. Meagher, W. Sexton, C. McArdle and E Reid.