Mr J. Tomkins

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J. Tomkins, who, it will be remembered, was conveyed some time since to the Moorroopna Hospital, suffering from a broken leg, expired in that institution suddenly on Saturday, from disease of the heart.

The deceased, who had resided on Rushworth from the early days of the diggings, was 75 years of age at the time of his death.

The Rushworth cemetery register has a Tonkins buried in grave 15, and, without a given name. There is no listing for Tomkins. The newspaper spelling, or the cemetery spelling could be wrong. There is reason to suspect that the above information is of the man on the cemetery list. He may have reserved an early plot; hence the low grave number.