

## Mr Robert Seignior

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DEATH OF MR ROBT. SEIGNIOR.

The death of Mr R. Seignior, of Wanalta, which occurred in Melbourne on Tuesday morning last, came as a shock to his many friends throughout the district, although it was known a few days previously that he lay in the city in a very bad way indeed, and that there was but little hope of his recovery.

It was only latterly that deceased displayed ill health, and quite recently he sought the advice of Dr Syme, of Collins street. Here he learned the worst, so it now appears, for Dr Syme candidly informed him that his lease of life was likely to be short, as he suffered with an internal complaint.

A slight hope was held out on an operation, and in the meantime deceased said little, but proceeded to adjust his earthly affairs. The operation was performed last week, and, although deceased seemed to be doing fairly well for a time, he passed away as stated on Tuesday morning.

Deceased was a native of the North of Ireland, and came to Australia very many years ago. His first experiences were in New South Wales, but he later took up land at Korumburra. After about eight or nine years at the latter place attention was given to the production of coal at Korumburra, and as a well-defined seam traversed his property he was enabled to get out well and took his departure for Rushworth. On his old property at Korumburra the Jumbunna coal mine is established.

Arriving in Rushworth about 17 years ago, he was not long in coming to the conclusion that the Wanalta estate, situated on the banks of the Wanalta creek, afforded scope for his energies, and he promptly acquired this property, comprising some fifteen hundred acres of good land. Here he remained with his family up till the time of his death.

He was a quiet, unassuming old gentleman, and was held in the highest respect by all his acquaintances. He was a Freemason, and was accorded full Masonic honors at his interment, the lodge ceremony being read by Bro. J. V. Heily.

There was a very large attendance at the funeral, which left the Masonic Hall for the Rushworth cemetery on Wednesday afternoon, thus showing the high esteem in which he was held.

The funeral obsequies were performed by the Rev. J. R. Walker.

Deceased leaves a family of four grown-up sons.

The funeral procession was headed by the Rushworth Brass Band, who played the Dead March.