

Mr Dunn

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A very distressing accident occurred yesterday on Mr Abraham Davis' farm, Moora, by which one of the oldest and most respected farmers of the district lost his life.

It appears that Mr Dunn, senr., father-in-law of Mr Davis, expressed to his wife a desire to take a ramble with his gun, in the hope of having a shot at a hare. Mrs Dunn meanwhile went to her daughter's, to pass the time whilst her husband would be absent.

Not many minutes had elapsed after her arrival before a gun shot was heard, but no notice was taken of it, as hares are so plentiful on the farm that it was supposed he had soon met with sport.

Two hours afterwards Mrs Dunn quitted her daughter's to return home, when she discovered, to her horror, her husband lying near the fence.

On calling assistance it was found that the unfortunate old gentleman was quite dead a shot having penetrated his left side and entered his heart. It seems that in getting through the fence the hammer must have caught and caused the gun to discharge its contents as stated.

Great commiseration is felt for his widow, as Mr Dunn is one of the old colonists, having arrived some 40 years ago. 35 years since the deceased took up his residence in Rushworth, and followed for some time the occupation of a miner. Relinquishing this, he turned his attention to farming pursuits at Waranga, and followed this with much success, until, owing to old age, he parted with his holdings to his son-in-law, Mr Davis, upon whose farm he has since constantly resided.

The deceased was the father of Mr A. Dunn, farmer, of Moora, Mrs Davis, of Moora, and Mrs Bedwell, wife of H. P. Bedwell, of Moora.

Footnote: The Rushworth cemetery interments list includes a John Dunn, and a Dunn without a given name.

The list also has an Abraham Davies, no Abraham Davis.