

Mr George Groves-White

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Our readers will learn with regret of the death of Mr George Groves-White, which occurred at his late residence, Wanalta, on Friday last.

Deceased was one of the very earliest settlers of the district. He was born near Yass, N.S.W., in 1838. When a boy he came to Toolamba with his step father (Groves), who had brought stock across to the estate there.

In 1847 his stepfather took up land at Gobarup, Wanalta and Wanalta Creek. On his stepfather's death, deceased carried on the estate, residing at the homestead, as stated, to the time of his death. In his earlier days deceased led a very active life. He was a great horseman, in fact, he loved a good horse, and wherever one found him there his horse was with him.

It was while riding his horse some nine years ago that a most extraordinary accident happened to him. His horse stumbled and fell, throwing him on his head and dislocating his neck. It is very rare that a man survives a dislocated neck, but with careful attention Mr Groves-White did. When he had recovered sufficiently he was subjected to X-ray examination, and the result showed that the facts were as stated. Anyhow, he survived nine years but was unable to take an active part in life, although he only took to his bed a few weeks prior to death.

Deceased was a fine old gentleman—a better neighbour or a more charitable person it would be impossible to find, but through it all he followed the maxim of not letting the right hand know what the left hand doeth. He performed many acts of benevolence of which the General public never even had an inkling. Such is true, sterling charity.

Deceased was very widely known—in fact, almost everyone knew Mr George Groves-White—and it naturally follows that a man possessing such fine attributes should be held in the highest esteem by all. He was known far and wide, and although he had far exceeded man's allotted span of three score and ten (being 82 years of age), regret was general on his demise becoming known.

The funeral took place on Monday afternoon, the remains being followed to their last resting-place, the Rushworth cemetery, by a large number of people. The Rev. Nelson conducted the burial service, while the funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr. E. F. Anderson.