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DEATH OF MRS CLAUSEN.

By the death of Mrs Andrea Clausen, which took place at her late residence, Moora Road, Rushworth, on Sunday evening last, is removed from our midst one of the earliest settlers of the district, and at the same time one of the most respected.

Mrs Clausen, who was a native of Jutland, Denmark, came to Victoria in 1863, Mr Clausen having come out some seven years previously. She at once came to Rushworth, and has resided here ever since. Deceased was twice married, her first husband's name being Neilsen, hence her relationship to Mrs Neilsen.

Only two of her nine children survive her, these being Mrs Mess, of Gobarup, and Mrs Rutherford, of Bendigo. Notwithstanding her great age (94 years) deceased was able to keep

house for herself up till about two years ago. She was a great reader, and took a lively interest in all that went on in the world around her.

Two years ago deceased had a serious illness, which completely broke her up, and she has been ailing more or less ever since. The great age attained by Mrs Clausen demonstrates the fact that an extended period of longevity is not only for the strong, for of late years she frequently remarked to friends that she could not understand why she lived so long, for she never was a robust woman.

The remains were interred in the local cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, the Rev. J. R. Walker performing the funeral obsequies.