

Mrs Catherine Holden

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Regret will be felt throughout the district at the death of Mrs Catherine Holden, who was a native of Rushworth, where she lived at her all her life.

Deceased was a daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Semmens, one of the pioneers of Rushworth, and prominently known in the mining industry. Mrs. Holden was a widow at the time for death, her husband (Mr. Joseph Holden) having predeceased her by little more than three years.

Her health had failed considerably for some time past, and she died on 3rd March at Elsternwick, where she had sought rest and change with her sisters.

Possessed of a natural charm of manner Mrs Holden carried the esteem and confidence of all who knew her. She exercised herself actively in every movement for the welfare of the people and the betterment of Rushworth.

During the war she was an ardent worker for the Red Cross. Probably her greatest service was given to St. Paul's church where she will be much missed and affectionately remembered by church members.

Two sons and four daughters mourn her loss and the youngest was under sailing orders when the Armistice was declared.

Mrs Holden's brother is Colonel Semmens (Chairman of the Repatriation Committee) and one of the sisters is Mrs. J. B. Stewart of Rushworth.

The funeral took place on 5th March at the Rushworth Cemetery, the burial service of Church of England being read by the Rev. F. Grist. The remains were followed to the grave by a large number of townspeople. There were many floral tributes.