Mrs Dwyer

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We regret to have to record the death of Mrs Dwyer, of the Five Mile Creek, the sad event taking place on Friday last.

The deceased, who was 82 years of age, was born in Ireland. She came to the colony in 1841 and was married at Geelong in 1845 to Mr Dwyer, who pre-deceased her by 17 years.

After their marriage they were engaged in station work in the Ovens, Wangaratta and Kilmore districts till the discovery of gold, when they made their way to Bendigo in 1851. Mr Dwyer worked there with varying success, but not being satisfied with the results of his labor decided to come to Rushworth, then known as the Goulburn diggings, in 1856.

Getting tired of mining he selected on the Five Mile Creek some 25 years since, and it was on this selection that Mrs Dwyer resided to the day of her death.

The deceased, who was of a very genial and happy disposition, was greatly respected, and her death will be greatly regretted by the oldest residents of the town who knew her in the early days.

She leaves a number of sons to mourn their loss. The funeral cortege was a large one.

The Rev. Father O'Connell officiated at the grave. Mr G. Anderson was the undertaker.