

Mrs Emma Wall

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WALL. – On the 31st May, at her grandson's (G. Aker's) residence, Murchison road, Emma Anne, the beloved wife of the late Shadrack Wall, and loving mother of Bessie (Mrs. Shaw), Mary (late Mrs. Akers), George, James, Albert, Isaac, Frederick, and Emma (Mrs. Thompson). Aged 74 years 5 months. At Rest.

An accident, that has been unfortunately, attended with fatal results, occurred on Thursday afternoon last week. Mrs J. Wall, senior and her daughter, (Mrs J. Thompson) were driving home to Wanalta, when they reached the top of the hill on Moora road known as Maggie Robert's, the horse took fright at the train, which was proceeding to Erwen.

The horse, in its mad career, veered over to the opposite side of the road and the buggy collided with the fence, and threw Mrs Wall out, she falling between the buggy and the fence. Mrs Thompson leaned over in the endeavour to keep her mother from falling, but failed in the attempt, and she was caught in the side of the buggy by her hair.

The buggy again collided with the fence, and a few yards further on collided a third time, the buggy overturning, fortunately on the opposite side on which Mrs Thompson was hanging, and she was thrown clear of the vehicle. The harness then broke and freed the horse which was fortunate, as if it had not Mrs Thompson would have been in danger of being scalped.

The horse galloped down the road and Mr. W. Berry, who was engaged at his sawmill at Erwen, saw the bolting horse, and fearing something serious had happened, he jumped into his motorcar and proceeded to the scene of the accident. He found Mrs Wall and Mrs Thompson lying on the roadway and appearing to be badly injured.

The accident was noticed from the train, which was at once brought to a standstill and the train crew rendered assisted to the injured women. Mr Berry conveyed them to Dr. Utber's surgery, Rushworth, where, on examination, it was found Mrs Wall had sustained a broken rib and was suffering severely from shock, she being over 70 years of age.

Both Mrs Wall and her daughter, who was badly bruised, were taken to the residence of Mr G. Akers, Murchison road, Mrs Wall's grandson. Mrs Wall received every care, but she gradually sank and died on Wednesday afternoon, her death resulting from the accident, accentuated by kidney trouble.

The deceased lady was one of the oldest and most respected residents of the Rushworth district. She was born in Cambridge, England, and came to Australia when quite a child. She has been a resident of this district for 46 years, and leaves a number of residents and friends to mourn their loss.

The funeral will take place today (Friday).