

Mrs. Margaret Lawrie

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As briefly reported in our last issue, the death occurred on December 21st of an old and highly respected district resident in the person of Mrs. Margaret Lawrie, relict of the late Robert Lawrie, at the age of 77 years.

For the last three years Mrs. Lawrie had not enjoyed very good health and last November she had the misfortune to fall and fracture her thigh. She was removed to the Rushworth Bush Nursing Association Hospital, where she was progressing satisfactorily for three weeks until complications occurred which caused her death.

Born at Nuggety [Gully], Rushworth, in 1860, Mrs. Lawrie had lived all her life in the district. She was the second daughter of the late James and Janet Stewart. She had vivid recollections of the early days and in reminiscent vein related many interesting stories of the struggles of the pioneers.

When four years of age she attended the Hill school, which was situated on the site now occupied by the Presbyterian Church. The teacher at that time was Mr. Elphinstone.

In 1865 her parents moved to the Five Mile Creek, Moora. She was attending Mrs. Smith's private school when the present State School [Moora South] was opened, and although not present on the opening day was one of the earliest scholars. One of her most vivid recollections was the record flood of 1870.

In 1885 she married Robert Lawrie and resided at Wanalta all her married life. Her husband predeceased her twelve years ago.

Although of a quiet disposition her kindly nature and hospitality gained her a host of friends, who regret the passing of a fine old lady.

She was a staunch supporter of the Presbyterian Church.

A family of five sons and three daughters and fifteen grandchildren are left to mourn their loss.

The remains were interred in the Rushworth cemetery, when there was a representative attendance at the graveside. The service was read by Mr. A. F. Landers. The coffin-bearers were Messrs. G. and L. Ristrom, H. Hilder, W. Lawrie, G. Hawking, and J. McKenzie. The pall was carried by Messrs. W., R., G. and P. Laurie, H. Meagher, V. Sprunt and L. Schade.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs Hilder and Kittle.