

Mrs Margaret Merkel

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We record with regret the passing of an old Rushworth identity in the person of Mrs Margaret Merkel who died at the residence of her daughter at Tongala on Saturday last at the age of 70 years.

The deceased lady resided Rushworth many years, moving away from there on the death of her husband, Mr John Merkel, about three years ago, when she went to reside with her daughter at Tongala. Her husband was connected with the construction of the Waranga Basin from the time work commenced on it, and after its completion, was employed in supervising the channels.

Both Mrs Merkel and her husband were very well-known identities to the district, where they were held in the very highest esteem. Mrs Merkel can only be described as a true gentlewoman as her kindness and cheerfulness were never failing.

She is survived by three daughters, viz., Addie (Mrs. C. O'Neill, Rushworth), Frances (Mrs. L. Stockdale, Tongala), and Vera (Mrs. J. Clarke, Tongala), to whom the sympathy of the district is extended in the loss of a devoted parent.

Her only son Leslie predeceased her, having died from the effects of injuries received during the great war in which he served nobly, being decorated for bravery.

The remains were interred in Rushworth Cemetery on Sunday, the Rev Father Tehan performing the last rites. The attendance at the graveside was a very representative one, indicative of the highest esteem in which the deceased lady was held.