

Mrs. Mary Hipgrave

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It is with great regret that we have to record the death of yet another member of one of the pioneer families of this district, in the person of Mrs Mary Ann Hipgrave, who passed away peacefully at the home of her son, Mr. R. H. Darroch, McDonald street, Rushworth, in her 81st year, after an illness of a little over two months.

She first became ill at the home of her son, Mr. J. Darroch, Seaford, but her health improved sufficiently to enable her to return to Rushworth about a month ago. However her recovery was only temporary and soon after her arrival home she became seriously ill and, despite all care and attention, gradually became weaker and passed away in the early hours of Wednesday morning last.

The deceased lady, who had lived practically all her life in the Whroo and Rushworth districts, had accumulated a wide circle of friends by her gentle disposition and admirable character, and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew her.

She was the second oldest surviving native of Whroo and had a fund of interesting reminiscences at her disposal regarding the development of this district.

Born at Whroo in 1860 the late Mrs. Hipgrave was the only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Pettifer. She was married in 1882 to the late Mr. John Darroch, who was a partner in Darroch Bros. sawmills and quartz crushing battery at Whroo, and continued to live at Whroo, her husband first husband predeceasing her in 1895.

She later married late Mr. William Hipgrave in 1900 and went to reside at the Nine Mile, afterwards going, with her husband, to reside at Elmore, where she again suffered bereavement in the loss of her husband.

After his death she resided alternately with her two sons, Jack, at Seaford, and Robert, at Rushworth.

In her early life she was a great church worker and was a Sunday school teacher at Whroo, being affectionately remembered by her old scholars.

The deceased lady leaves a family of two sons, Mr. John Darroch, Seaford, and Mr. R. H. Darroch, Rushworth, to mourn the loss of a devoted mother, and the sympathy of a wide circle of friends is extended to them in their sad bereavement.

The funeral took place to the Rushworth Cemetery on Thursday afternoon.