

Mrs Mary Mapleback

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Death has removed another of the old pioneers of Victoria and of the Rushworth district, in the person of Mrs. Mary Mapleback, who passed peacefully away at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. J. Hickey, Moora road, on Tuesday last, in her 99th year.

The late Mrs. Mapleback, although of advanced age, enjoyed good health until a few weeks ago when she had to take to her bed.

She was born in County Wicklow, Ireland, and came to Australia in 1854, when a young girl landing at Geelong. She resided there until 1865, when she went to reside at Kyneton.

She came to Rushworth in 1902, and was thus a resident of the town for 30 years.

Her husband died in 1907 and she then went to reside with her daughter, Mrs. Hickey. She was one of the oldest pioneers of this State, having resided in Victoria for 78 years.

Being of a cheerful disposition the late Mrs. Mapleback made many friends. She had many tales to tell of the early days of the colony and of the vicissitudes experienced by the early settlers.

She leaves a family of one son (George, Barham, New South Wales), and four daughters, Lizzie (Mrs. Hickey, Rushworth), Alice (Mrs. H. Miller, Coburg), Clara (Mrs. D. Beer, Bendigo), and Sarah, Fanny (Mrs. J. Kearney, Clifton Hill) having predeceased her.

The funeral will take place today, Friday, the Rev. Calder Wade (Anglican) will conduct the burial service and Mr. E. F. Anderson will have charge of the funeral arrangements.