

Mrs Terence McArdle

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A little later [on Saturday last] and yet another of the old and respected identities was reported as having died suddenly as the result of the excessive heat. This was Mrs McArdle, relict of the late Mr Terence McArdle, of Old Ned's.

In this case also death would appear to have come very suddenly, for deceased was found dead in her bed. She lived by herself, but was seen on the previous evening, and death was attributed to heart failure. The old lady had weathered 80 summers, many of which had been parsed in this district, where she was well and favorably known, consequently there was a large attendance at her burial on Sunday afternoon, when the funeral service was read by Mr Mullany.

Touching the death of Mrs McArdle a magisterial inquiry was held by Dr Christie, J.P., on Saturday afternoon, when evidence was tendered by Mrs Flora Rose to the effect that she visited deceased's abode during the morning and as she got no response to her knocking she obtained the assistance of Mr Corner and then went into the house, when she discovered deceased lying back across the bed dead.

The condition in which deceased was lying was certified to by Alfred Corner and Constable Scott and as there were no suspicious circumstances a finding was arrived at that deceased died from heat exhaustion.