Rushworth Chronicle

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A very old resident of Rushworth passed away suddenly in the early hours of Wednesday morning, in the person of Mrs Thomas Collard.

The deceased lady retired to bed in her usual health, and about 2 a.m. her grandson heard a noise proceeding from her room, and on going into the deceased's bedroom found her dead, she apparently having died in her sleep from heart failure.

The late Mrs Collard was a resident of Rushworth for 40 years, and was 57 years of age at the time of her death. Her husband predeceased her 8 years ago.

She was respected by all who knew her, and her sudden death has been deeply regretted by her friends, many expressions of sympathy having been deeply regretted by her friends, many expressions of sympathy having been received by the sorrowing relatives.

She leaves a grown-up family of four daughters --- Mrs W. McNicol, Rushworth; Mrs W. Muller, Melbourne; Mrs Fox, Rushworth; Mrs L. Akers, Melbourne --- and one son, Mr W. Collard, Rushworth.

The funeral took place on Thursday, the remains being interred in the Rushworth Cemetery, the burial service being read by the Rev. F. C. Boundy. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. E. F. Anderson.

A magisterial inquiry was held before Mr. E. A. Coyle. J.P., who returned a verdict of death from natural causes.