

Mrs Cecilia Gunn, wife of William Gunn

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That grim sceptre death has indeed been very busy in our midst during the week, and to the list above [Mrs William Stewart, buried Rushworth, and Thomas Scurry buried away from Rushworth] recorded a further addition was made yesterday morning, when Mrs Cecelia Gunn, relict of the late Mr Wm. Gunn, of Waranga Park, passed away.

The deceased lady, who was 87 years of age, died at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr A. Ingram, of Waranga, under whose roof she had only sheltered for the past two months, being compelled to abandon the old home, in which she had lived for nearly fifty years, owing to the rise of the waters of the Waranga Basin.

Mrs Gunn, who was of a very retiring disposition, was widely respected, and sincere regret was expressed at her demise. She was one of the few remaining old colonists, and had witnessed some stirring scenes in the earlier history of Victoria, having arrived in the year 1857 and at once taken up her residence at Waranga Park.

Her late husband arrived here four years previously, and as soon as he could get a home together.

Mrs Gunn followed from the old country, she arriving, as stated, in '57 in company with her son William. Her husband died eighteen years ago.

Mrs Gunn had a wonderfully fine constitution for she never knew a day's illness and maintained full use of her faculties to the last. During the past two or three days she appeared to be failing but beyond this her death was totally unexpected.

She was the mother of Messrs Wm. and Alex. Gunn, Miss Gunn, and Mrs Alex. Ingram, and much sympathy is felt for them in their sad bereavement.

The funeral will leave Mr Ingram's residence at two o'clock this (Friday) afternoon for the Rushworth cemetery.

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The funeral of the late Mrs W. Gunn, of Waranga Park, took place on Friday afternoon last, the remains being followed to their last resting place, the Rushworth cemetery, by a large number of mourners.

As showing the widespread regard felt for deceased and her family, mourners were present from Murchison and the surrounding districts.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. J. Weir. Mr G. Anderson had charge of the mortuary arrangements.