

Mrs Elizabeth Thomas

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One by one the pioneers of Rushworth are passing to the Great Beyond, and it is our sad duty to have to chronicle the death at her residence, Murchison road, of the oldest resident of this town in the person of Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, who passed away suddenly on Thursday last week (4th inst.) at the age of 78 years.

The deceased was born at Launceston on May 24th, 1851, and came to Rushworth with her parents when quite an infant and has resided here ever since, having only been away from Rushworth for two weeks during her long residence in the town.

At the "Back to Rushworth" celebrations last year she was awarded the gold medal offered by the committee for the oldest resident of Rushworth.

The late Mrs. Thomas was very highly respected and esteemed by all who knew her, and was possessed of a generous and amiable disposition, and many a child will miss her and the dainties she was in the habit of giving little ones who visited her.

Her death is deeply deplored and leaves a gap in the ranks of Rushworth's older generation. She leaves a grown-up family of three sons and three daughters ----- Messrs John, Richard and Charles Thomas and Katherine (Mrs. F. Spencer, Adelaide), Mary (Mrs. Freshfield), Sarah (Mrs. A. Jones, Rushworth). Her husband and a son (William) predeceased her some years ago.

The remains were interred in the Rushworth cemetery on Friday last, and the great respect in which the late Mrs. Thomas was held was evidenced by the large number who followed the funeral cortege. The remains were interred alongside the grave of her late grandson, Master F. Spencer.

The service at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. Canon Grist. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. E. F. Anderson.