

Mrs Helen Laurie, wife of Peter

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Mr Peter Laurie senr's many friends will regret to learn of the death of his wife, Helen, on Sunday last, at the age of 67 years. The deceased, who was a native of Dundee, Forfarshire, Scotland, arrived in the colony with her parents, in July, 1853, and went to live at Heidelberg, and during the following year was married to Mr Laurie.

In 1856 they removed to Kyneton, where they followed farming pursuits for about 40 years. In the year 1876 Mr Laurie and some of his sons selected land in Wanalta, but he and the late Mrs Laurie did not come to reside in this district till 1897. About six years ago she had an attack of paralysis, from which she never recovered, and has been bedridden for the last three years. She bore her sufferings with great fortitude.

The deceased's family consists of five sons and six daughters, and forty-four grandchildren, thirty-seven of whom are living. The sons are all alive but one, and of the daughters four are married and two single. The eldest (since deceased) became Mrs E. P. Bedwell; the second, Mrs W. Stewart, Moora; the third, Mrs Kiley, Ebden St., Kyneton, and the fourth, Mrs R. Stewart, Moora.

The late Mrs Laurie was a daughter of Mr George Sturroch, a well-known farmer in the Kyneton district. The deceased, who was of a most amiable nature, was highly respected. The funeral on Tuesday was a very large one, there being over 40 vehicles loaded with mourners, besides others on horseback and on foot.

The Rev J. Weir, B.A., officiated at the grave and Mr G. Anderson had charge of the funeral arrangements.