

Neil McLarty

Rushworth Chronicle

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We regret to have to announce the death of Mr Neil McLarty, farmer, of Girgarre East, at the age 73.

The deceased had been in this district for about 26 years and had made himself very much respected. He leaves a wife and grown-up family to mourn their loss.

The remains will be interred in the Rushworth cemetery to-morrow. The funeral will leave his late residence at 1 p.m.

Funeral Notice

Girgarre East, October 6th, 1898. The friends of the late Mr NEIL McLARTY, Girgarre E., are respectfully invited to follow his remains to their last resting place, in the Rushworth Cemetery. The Funeral will leave his late residence on SATURDAY, 8th October, at 1 o'clock.

GIRGARRE EAST. (FROM AN OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Wednesday.

One of our oldest settlers, Mr Neil McLarty died at his residence here on Thursday last at the advanced age of 73 years.

Deceased, with his wife and infant daughter, came to the colony in the "Mahomet Pasha" in 1849. The ship met with very heavy weather, and during a storm two of the masts were blown overboard, carrying with them 24 of the crew who were aloft at the time.

Aided by the wreckage that clung to the ship, 16 managed to regain the vessel, the remaining 8 being drowned.

For a good few years deceased was engaged in farming near the Saltwater [Maribyrnong] river and was also at the gold diggings in the early days, and after various ups and downs finally settled here some 26 years ago.

Deceased was of a somewhat reserved disposition, but was universally respected for his sterling honesty.