

## **Peter Laurie, senr.**

### **Rushworth Chronicle**

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The sudden demise of Mr Peter Laurie, senr., which occurred at Golden Square, Bendigo, on Wednesday afternoon last, will come as a shock to his numerous friends and acquaintances in this district in as much as he only recently paid a visit to his sons here and was then apparently in his usual health.

He certainly was a very old man, being well into the eighties, but the end came about very suddenly nevertheless.

Deceased was a fine old gentleman, widely known and greatly respected. He acquired land at Moora in the early days, and his sons later secured adjoining blocks, so that most of the family were grouped together.

Some five or six years ago he resolved to relinquish agricultural pursuits and retired to Bendigo, and it was then that the high esteem in which he was held by his neighbours and friends became apparent.

He was feted in royal fashion, was presented with a sterling memento of the esteem in which he was held and altogether given a send-off such as falls to the lot of few men. He was the father of a large family, all of whom are grown up, and for them every sympathy is felt in their sudden bereavement.

The remains of deceased will be interred in the Rushworth cemetery this (Friday) afternoon, the funeral being timed to leave the residence of his son Robert at two o'clock.

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**23 April, 1909**

The funeral of the late Mr Peter Laurie, senr., took place on Friday afternoon last, when the remains were interred in the Rushworth cemetery.

There was a very large attendance of mourners, the funeral cortege being fully half a mile long, and including representatives of all portions of the district.

The Rev. J. R. Weir conducted the funeral service, the arrangements being in the hands of Mr Anderson.

A circumstance which might have been attended with disastrous consequences occurred on Friday afternoon last while the funeral of the late Mr P. Laurie was proceeding up the lane running from the main street to the Rushworth cemetery gates. There was a gap between the hearse and the next pair of horses following, and a small flock of sheep which were at the time being driven along Cemetery street rushed through. The horses, which were only young ones, took fright and rushed backwards down the hill. The lane is a narrow one with an awkward gutter on one side, and it can readily be imagined how soon confusion was brought about. One horse came down in the scrimmage which ensued, while several vehicles became stranded in the gutter and a big smash appeared imminent. Things were happily, however, soon righted and neither man nor beast suffered injury.