

## Richard Geyle

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GEYLE. --- On 22nd November, at his residence, Rushworth, Richard Cornish, the dearly loved husband of Lydia Catherine, loving father of Vincent, Nellie and Horace, and loving brother of Mrs Henderson (St. Kilda), Mrs. Dunbar (deceased) E.F. (deceased) and W. H. Geyle. Aged 69 years. Sadly Missed.

One by one the old residents of the town are being called to the Great Beyond and the latest to be called is Mr. R. C. Geyle, who died on Sunday last.

He had not been in good health for some time past, but it was only on Thursday last week that he had to take to his bed. On Sunday morning it was noticed that he was sinking and he passed peacefully away at 6.20 p.m. on Sunday, with the members of his family at his bedside.

The late Mr. Geyle was born in Rushworth and had lived here all his life. When a young man he took a keen interest in sport and was a member of the local cricket club of which he was a prominent player.

With his brother, Mr W. H. Geyle, and several others, he formed the first tennis club in Rushworth and helped to lay down the first court at the back of the Commercial Bank.

He was, until about two years ago, handicapper for athletic events at local sports meetings. He was one of the first members of the Rushworth Brass Band and the Fire Brigade, of which he was an ex-Captain. He has been caretaker of the Shire Hall for some years.

In 1894 he married a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. Martin, of Bailieston and had a family of four sons and a daughter -- Richard Vincent (who is in the Commercial Bank at Berriwillock in the Mallee, and was a member of the A.I.F.), Ellen Mary (who is a nurse at the M. B. A., Cheltenham) and Horace (Rushworth), two of the sons having died in infancy.

His widow survives him, for whom much sympathy is felt. Mr. Geyle was a familiar figure in the life of the town by his unassuming and genuine personality he made hosts of friends and was esteemed by all. His death removes another link in the early history of Rushworth. His brother (Mr. W. H. Geyle) is the last of the three sons of the family surviving, Mr. E. F. Geyle having died early in the year.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, the remains being interred in the Rushworth Cemetery, and were followed to their last resting place by a large number of residents of the town and district.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. W. A. Williams (Anglican) and Mr. E. F. Anderson had charge of the funeral arrangements.