

Robert Muir

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Mr Robert Muir, one of the oldest identities of the Rushworth district, passed away on Sunday morning last, after a short illness.

Deceased was a highly respected resident and had resided on Rushworth for the past forty years. He was a native of the Orkney Islands, to the north of Scotland, and came to the colonies in the early fifties, being a colonist of 69 years. He was a miner, and visited most of the principal rushes of the earlier days of the diggings.

He eventually found his way to Rushworth, and, as stated, has had a very long residence here. Generally he followed mining pursuits, and for many of the later years of his life also fulfilled the duties of sexton of the local cemetery.

He took a great pride in this work, and, until compelled to relinquish it owing to illness, was generally to be found there in his spare time trimming things up a bit. His efforts in this direction were appreciated, as is shown by the cemetery trustees on Tuesday evening last expressing their sympathy with the bereaved wife and family.

Deceased, who was 73 years of age, suffered from an internal complaint, and towards the last became so bad and suffered such agony that death must have been a happy release from his sufferings.

He leaves a wife and family of six children, mostly grown up, to mourn their loss.

The remains were interred on Monday afternoon, when there was a large attendance of sympathisers. The Rev. J. Weir, B.A., conducted the funeral service.