

Samuel Furphy

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Mr Sam William Furphy, one of the pioneers of the Rushworth district, passed away at Sister Skillin's Private Hospital, Rushworth, on Saturday last, 9th inst., after a long and painful illness.

For some time past the deceased's health was not satisfactory and about 12 months ago he underwent an operation in Melbourne. Since that time he never seemed to rally, and his sickness becoming worse, he came to Rushworth to be treated.

A medical specialist was bought from Melbourne to diagnose his case, that he gave the relatives no hope for his recovery and he gradually sank and died as stated.

The late Mr Furphy was born at Kyneton, in 1858, and was thus 68 years old at the time of his death.

He came with his parents to the Lake Cooper district in 1868, and afterwards selected land there, where he resided all the rest of his life. He was a successful farmer, and made many friends who deeply regret his decease.

The late Mr Furphy was twice married, his first wife being the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lumsden, of Ballarat, who only lived about 12 months after her marriage. He subsequently married Isabella, the second daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Brown. He was a brother of Mr. I. Furphy, J.P., Rushworth, the late Mr. John Furphy (inventor and manufacturer of the Furphy water carts, Shepparton), Mrs. Alex. Stewart (Sandhills) and Mrs. John Vaughan (Shepparton).

He leaves his widow, two sons and a daughter to mourn their sad loss.

The funeral took place on Sunday last, the remains being interred in the Rushworth cemetery. The cortege was a lengthy one, a number of friends from Rushworth and surrounding district following the remains to their last resting place.

The Rev. F. C. Boundy officiated at the graveside.