

Son of Mr R. Semmens

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A sad case of accidental drowning happened here on Friday night last, whereby a little boy, six and a half years old, oldest son, of Mr R. Semmens, lost his life. It appears that about dusk on the evening in question his mother sent him out to bring in the goats, and he not returning, search was made, when he was found in a waterhole about ten yards from the back door of the house.

An inquest was held on Saturday morning, before District Coroner Heily, when a verdict of accidental death by drowning was returned.

Footnote: Rushworth cemetery records list a Thomas Semmens, buried in grave No.1 in the Presbyterian section. If that burial was in 1876, it seems certain to be this boy.