

## **Thomas Hipgrave**

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We regret to have to record the death of another old and respected pioneer of the Rushworth district, in the person of Mr. Thomas Hipgrave, which occurred at his residence, Moora street, Rushworth on Friday last.

The late Mr. Hipgrave, who was 66 years of age at the time of his death, had not been in the best of health of late years, and some little time ago had a severe attack of pneumonia, from the effects of which he never fully recovered.

About two weeks ago he had to take to his bed, owing to an attack of bronchial pneumonia, from the effects of which he passed away as stated.

The late Mr. Hipgrave was born in Bendigo and came to this district in the early days of the diggings, following alluvial mining for a short time. He afterwards took up land at Reedy Lake and while engaged with his brothers in fencing the property he had the misfortune to meet with a sad accident by a tree falling on him and breaking his leg. Although he was under medical treatment for several years, the broken leg never seemed to knit, and he had to use crutches up to the time of his death.

The deceased afterwards took up land at the Nine Mile, and resided there until about five months ago, when he sold out and came to Rushworth to reside.

He was always of a happy and jovial disposition, and was deservedly popular with all who knew him. He was a good shot with a gun and a very good cricketer. He was a member of the Whroo and Noorilim cricket clubs in the early days, and was a very promising wicket keeper.

He leaves a widow to mourn her sad loss, but there was no family. Sincere regret was expressed throughout the town and district for the widow and other relatives, and at the loss of such a popular resident.

The funeral took place on Monday, the remains being interred in the Rushworth Cemetery, the funeral cortege being a large and representative one. The burial service was read by the Rev. G. Nelson, Mr. E. F. Anderson carrying out the mortuary arrangements.