

Thomas Iddles

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One of our oldest native born citizens passed away on Thursday last week in the person of Mr. Thomas Iddles, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Adams, Albion street, Kyabram, after a short illness.

Mr. Iddles was born at Collingwood 89 years ago and had vivid recollections of the small town of his childhood, which grew into the proud city that has just celebrated its Centenary jubilee.

When the Victorian gold boom was at its height, Mr. Iddles followed the lure of the yellow metal on Ballarat and other fields, but, forsaking this pursuit, he selected land at Carag Carag and settled there in 1876, where he resided until about 27 years ago, when he shifted to Kyneton. About seven years ago he returned to this district to live in retirement with his daughter at Kyabram.

The late Mr. Iddles remained in full possession of his faculties until the end of his life and his reminiscences of the early days were intensely interesting. His passing makes yet another gap in the rapidly thinning ranks of the real pioneers of this State.

He was an upright, Christian gentleman, and a staunch supporter of the Methodist church, in which he took an active interest.

His wife predeceased him about 37 years ago, and his body was brought to Rushworth for burial alongside her remains.

The bereaved family are Jane (Mrs. John Adams, Kyabram), Edwin (Tunstall), Sarah (Mrs. Donald Fraser, Yerong Creek), Edie (Mrs. Bertram, Culcairn, NSW), and there are also nine grandchildren.

The funeral took place on Friday when Rev. Mr. Davies officiated at the graveside.

The pall-bearers were Messrs D. Pell, B. Heaslip, A. J. Sleep, E. F. Anderson, Alan Stewart, Chris Brown; the coffin-bearers, Messrs J. Adams, D. Fraser, H. Ovens, A. Paynter, H. Pell, W. Wheelands; and the flower-bearers, Miss Elsie Adams, Mrs. H. Anderson, Mrs. C. Ovens and Mrs. H. Pell.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Whitaker and Diggle.