

Mr. William A. Berry

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BERRY – On the 18th October, at Mooroopna Hospital, William Alfred, the beloved husband of Ada, and father of Cecil, Thelma, Alfie, George, Raymond, Elsie and Gladys; also loving son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Berry, and brother of Frederick (deceased), Esther, Lucy, Charlie, George, Martha and Emily, aged 43 years. A patient sufferer at rest.

General regret was expressed in the town on Tuesday when the sad news was received that Mr. W. A. Berry had passed away at the Mooroopna Hospital, where he had been a patient for the past three months.

He had been in ill health for about nine months, and his removal to the Mooroopna Hospital was considered necessary to combat his complaint but he gradually sank and died as stated after an illness borne with great fortitude.

The late Mr. Berry was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs A. Berry, late of Whroo, and now residing in Rushworth. He was 43 years of age.

He was born at Whroo and resided there for some years, where he was employed sleeper-hewing. He then came to reside in Rushworth and went into partnership with his brother, the late Fred Berry, in the saw milling business.

After his brother's death he continued to carry on the business up till the time of his illness.

He was a good townsman and sport and a Commissioner of the Water Trust up till August last. He was also a member of the Jubilee Lodge of Freemasons and the Waranga Lodge G.U.O.O.F.

He was a very popular, his genial nature earning for him a host of friends, who greatly regret his death.

He leaves a widow and family of seven young children.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, the remains being interred in the Rushworth cemetery. The cortege was a lengthy one, the Masonic Lodge, Oddfellows Lodge and the townspeople being represented in the funeral procession.

After the Church of England burial service had been conducted at the graveside by Rev. Canon Grist, the services of Masonic and Oddfellows Lodges were read. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. E. F. Anderson.