

Mr William Darby

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We have to record the death at his residence, High-street, Rushworth, of the late Mr William Darby, for many years a respected citizen of this town.

The illness from which he suffered was of a very lingering nature, and but for the stout resistance of an unusually strong constitution would probably have proved fatal long before.

The late Mr Darby may almost be considered a pioneer in the history of this gold field, having arrived from California in the year [18]54. It is needless for us to state that he was greatly esteemed, as an upright and generous friend to all who had the privilege of his acquaintance.

The funeral *cortege*, consisting of several hundred followers, the largest procession we have seen in Rushworth followed the remains to the Church of England, where a short address was delivered by the Rev. Mr Veal, the remainder of the service being read at the grave.

The Ancient Order of Foresters, who attended the procession in regalia, also read a special service.

Every place of business in the township was closed, and universal sympathy is felt for his bereaved relatives, but, we are glad to believe that his widow and family are left in comfortable circumstances.