

William Owen

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A very sad accident occurred on Wednesday to Mr William Owen, farmer, of Tatura, by which he lost his life.

It appears that the deceased, in company with Thomas Cleary, his brother-in-law, set out for the purpose of finding sheep which he had lost.

Not having traced the lost animals they visited Sayers' [Hotel, at Waranga], and after partaking of sundry drinks, set out again at about 10 o'clock, in the direction of Lansley's farm.

On the way back deceased proposed a race, which, being agreed upon, resulted in Cleary getting in advance. Shortly afterwards Cleary says Owen's horse passed him riderless, and on going back he found the deceased lying lifeless on the road.

By the evidence given at the inquest it was clearly shown that the deceased had run against the limb of a tree and sustained such shock to the system that death must have been instantaneous.

Owen will be remembered by our readers as being one of the original proprietors of the celebrated "Try Again Gold Mining Company," Rushworth. After paying several excellent dividends this mine became poor, and Owen's mate, S. Wall, parted with his share to a Rushworth syndicate, which in a few weeks were amply repaid by coming upon highly payable quartz. Such magnificent returns were the result that Owen, who had kept possession of his half of the mine, was enabled to realise £6000 for it from a Melbourne firm of speculators.

Owens next embarked in farming, securing a good holding at Tatura, which he retained up to the day of his death.

The deceased leaves a widow and two young children to mourn their loss.

His remains will be interred to-day in the Rushworth cemetery.

Twelve months later there was an In Memoriam from the family.Copy.