

Mr Charles Berry

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Mr Charles Berry, a resident of Whroo for the past thirty years, passed away on Sunday evening last, the cause of death being miners' complaint. Deceased had been a sufferer from this disease for over four years, but it was only a week previous that he had been compelled to take to his bed.

He followed the occupation of a miner generally and was much respected by all with whom he became associated.

Deceased, who had been twice married, leaves a widow and a large family (two children by the first marriage and seven by the second) to mourn their loss. The remains were interred in the Whroo cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, a large number of friends joining the funeral cortege.

Footnote: Phthisis, often referred to as miners' complaint, was a terminal illness (coughing to death), caused specifically by occupational hazards associated with mining.