

Ellen Watts, also known as Ellen Clarke

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BAILIESTON. (FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT).

A sad incident, which I regret to say had a fatal termination, happened to Mrs E. Clarke at Bailieston last Thursday. She was sitting in a gig talking to one of her daughters when a dog rushed round the house and caused the pony to bolt. Only a few yards had been traversed when the gig was overturned through coming in contact with a log, and she was thrown out.

Dr Christie was at once sent for but medical skill was of no avail. The unfortunate woman lingered in a state of unconsciousness until the next day when death ensued.

The deceased was buried in the Whroo cemetery on Sunday, the funeral being a large one.

The Rev. J. R. Walker officiated at the grave and the mortuary arrangements were well carried out by Mr H. B. Baud of Nagambie.

The newspaper reference to Whroo cemetery must be correct, but the plaque in the middle of the cemetery reserve makes no reference to a female Clarke. Legally Ellen was Ellen Watts, but she chose to present herself as Ellen Clarke, "wife" of John Job Clarke.