

James Pettifer

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PETTIFER. -- On the 25th of June (suddenly), at Whroo, James, the dearly loved father of Tom (Box Hill), Edith (Mrs. F. Gewdall, North Carlton), Elsie (Mrs. G. Berry, North Carlton), May, Carrie, Jim, Jack (Carlton), and loving brother of Mrs. Hipgrave (Rushworth), G. Pettifer (Merrigum), brother-in-law of W. J. LeRoy (Rushworth) and J. LeRoy (Whroo), aged 64 years. Passed peacefully away. Loved by all.

As briefly reported in our last issue, the death occurred on July 25th of a well-known and highly respected resident of Rushworth and Whroo districts in the person of Mr James Pettifer.

Born on August 25, 1859, at Whroo, deceased was at the time of his death bordering on 65 years of age, and during all that time, with the exception of a short period, when, as a boy, he worked for the late Mr Walbran's store in Rushworth, he lived at Whroo.

For a short time he worked on Balaclava Hill for O'Leary and Dixon (tributers). In 1884 he married Maria Ann the daughter of the late Mr Mrs LeRoy of Whroo and shortly afterwards went to work for Darroch Bros, sawmillers, and continued at that work as long as there was a sawmill at Whroo.

Afterwards, for two or three short periods, he did a little mining. During the last 10 or 12 years he had not done any hard manual work but put in his time principally boot-mending.

Although of a quiet disposition, he took an active part in all efforts for the betterment of the township and at the time of his death he was a trustee of the Whroo Cemetery, and also of the recreation ground.

Thirty-eight years ago he had a severe attack of bronchitis and during the winter months for the last few years it affected him slightly but on the 21st of last month, he got a severe attack, which caused his death on the 25th.

A wife and grown-up family of three sons and daughters remain to mourn the loss of a loving husband and father.

The funeral took place on Friday, June 27th, the remains being interred in the Whroo Cemetery. The burial service was conducted by the Rev F. Grist (Rushworth).