

Mary Jane Pettifer

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PETTIFER. --- On the 28th September, at her daughter's residence, "Pine Lodge," Nagambie, Mary Jane, relict of the late Henry James Pettifer, loved mother of Mary (Mrs. J. LeRoy), Will, George, Louise (Mrs. Murdoch, deceased), Harry, Mart, Robert, Irene (Mrs. R. Baldwin), sister of Mrs. Smith (Bailieston), in her 77th year. At Rest.

The death of Mrs. Mary Jane Pettifer, of Bailieston, which took place at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. R. Baldwin, of Nagambie, on September 28th last removes one of the most widely-known and respected residents of the Whroo and Bailieston districts.

Of a very kindly nature, cheery disposition and the capacity to do a good turn wherever the opportunity offered, the late Mrs. Pettifer left a wide circle of friends to mourn her loss.

Born in Ballarat just on 77 years ago, she came with her parents (the late Mr. and Mrs. Swindells) at a very early age and lived practically the whole of her life at Whroo and Bailieston. She was married to the late Mr. H. Pettifer (who predeceased her by more than 20 years) at Whroo in the year of 1881 by the Rev Swindells (Church of England), and as stated above, lived the remainder of her life in the district.

She left a family of five boys and two daughters --- Mary (Mrs. J. LeRoy), Will, George, Harry, Mart, Bob, Bess (Mrs. R. Baldwin), another daughter Louise (Mrs. Murdoch) having died during the pneumonic outbreak of influenza many years ago.

A large number of mourners followed the remains to their last resting place at Whroo, where she was interred last Sunday, old friends coming from life long distances pay their last respects.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev W. A. Williams (Anglican), of Rushworth and Mr. Phipps, of Nagambie, carried out the funeral arrangements.