

Dugald Cameron

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That grim sceptre, death, has again been in our midst, and during the past week has robbed us of two of the oldest residents of the district—residents of 40 years standing, Dugald Cameron and Philip Francis.

MR DUGALD CAMERON.

It was with genuine expressions of regret that the many friends of Mr Dugald Cameron learnt of that gentleman's death, which took place at his residence, Stanhope road, on Saturday morning last.

Deceased had suffered for years from chronic disease of the heart, but was no worse than usual, in fact, he was knocking about during the previous evening.

Mr Cameron was one of the very oldest residents of Rushworth, having arrived here in the fifties. He was a son of the late Colin Cameron, of "Letter Finlay," Inverness-shire, Scotland, and a brother of Mr Wm. Cameron, of "Letter Finlay," Moora. He came to the colony in 1854 in the Derry Castle, shortly afterwards finding his way to Rushworth. He was amongst the first to start a business on these diggings, founding the butchering business at present carried on by Mr Chas. Cameron, his son.

He also selected land at Moora, being one of the first selectors in this district under the Land Act, 1868, and later on, when he relinquished the butchering business, devoted his attention to rural pursuits.

Deceased was a man of a wonderfully quiet and unassuming disposition, and it might truthfully be said of him that one could only know him as a friend. He was very charitably disposed, and in the early days, when the pathway of life was much rougher for the rising generation than it is now, his benevolence saved many a family from going hungry.

Mr Cameron, who had passed the allotted span, being 74 years of age, was the father of a large family—seven sons and four daughters—who are left to mourn their loss.

The remains were interred in the local cemetery on Monday afternoon, the large number of sympathisers present bearing testimony to the high esteem in which he was held. He was a member of the Caledonian Society, and the Council of that body preceded the hearse to the grave, being led by Piper Murray, who played the following tunes on the pipes: "The Land of the Leal," "Lord Lovat's Lament," "Pibroch," "The widow's lament for her son," "Scots' Wha Hae," and, at the grave, "Flowers of the Forest."

The Rev. J. Weir performed the funeral obsequies, Mr G. Anderson having charge of the mortuary arrangements.