

John Hobart Coates

Waranga Chronicle

24 February, 1870

It becomes my painful duty to announce the death of Mr J. H. Coates of the firm of Messrs Coates and Kettle, storekeepers, Whroo; deceased was taken suddenly ill on Sunday last, and since then has had several severe fits but never seemed to rally.

He died this morning, (Wednesday) at about half past 12 a.m.

This was published in the stated newspaper, attributed to a "Whroo correspondent". Cemetery records include a John Hobart Coates, buried (Friday) 24 February, 1870. The central plaque indicates that he was 36.

He may have been fortunate to survive until 1870.

Bendigo Advertiser

20 November, 1867

A very serious accident happened about four o'clock on Sunday afternoon to Mr John Coates, of the firm of Coates and Kittle, storekeepers and publicans, Whroo.

Mr Coates, who is superintendent of the Sabbath School at Whroo, and secretary to the Presbyterian Church Committee, after opening the Sunday School, went out to ride, and whilst racing near the London Reef, about four miles from Whroo, struck against a dead tree with such violence that his head was seriously cut, and he was knocked off his horse, which escaped unhurt, and was caught by one of his companions.

Mr Coates was carried to Mr Waterson's public house, and Dr Heily happening to be in the neighbourhood, his wounds were attended to.