

George White

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On Friday last a very old resident of Sailor's Flat, near Whroo, named George White, passed away from general break up of the system.

The deceased, who was a miner, was said to be very well connected in the old country.

The Rev. J. R. Walker officiated at the grave. Mr G. Anderson had charge of the funeral arrangements.

Whroo cemetery records do not show a George White, or any White buried in that year. There is no Rushworth cemetery listing either.

Rev. J. R. Walker was a local minister, and Anderson a local undertaker, both based at Rushworth. It reads as though White was buried locally, but a funeral director would be unlikely to be involved in a bush burial outside the cemetery reserve. There would have been no need to engage a funeral director if he was to be buried in an isolated grave in the forest near Whroo.

On balance, it is reasonable to assume that White was buried at Whroo but simply not entered in cemetery records.