

Mrs Northausen

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Mrs Northausen, a one-time resident of Whroo, expired very suddenly in Bendigo on the 8th inst. [8 July, 1903]

The deceased lady was very well and favourably known at Whroo, to which place her remains were brought for interment on Thursday. [9 July, 1903]

Deceased had reached the allotted span, being over 80 years of age.

Cemetery records identify Eliza Nordhausen or Northhhausen, rather than Northausen, but give her age as 71 years. More confusing is the article from the Bendigo Advertiser which dates her death as 6 July, 1903, at "about 70".

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7 July, 1903

SUDDEN DEATH OF AN OLD LADY

An old lady named Mrs. Northausen, residing at the corner of Wills and Arthur streets, was found dead in her bed yesterday afternoon.

She had been ailing for a lengthy period, and frequently complained of shortness of breath. On Sunday night she retired to her room about 10 o'clock, taking with her a bucket of hot water, presumably for the purpose of bathing herself.

Two rooms at the rear of her premises are occupied by lodgers, who noticed yesterday that Mrs. Northausen did not make her appearance. One of them, named William Reed, became anxious, and about 2 p.m., after getting no answer to his calls, he decided to burst the door open. On doing so, his worst fears were realised, as the old lady was quite dead in her bed.

The police were sent for, and Constable Moncrieff visited the place. The coroner (Mr. Moore, P.M.) was communicated with, and he at once held an inquiry. There were no suspicious circumstances, and a verdict of supposed heart failure, was entered up.

The late Mrs. Northausen was a native of Ireland, and was about 70 years of age. She had resided in the locality for about 20 years. Her husband died some 12 years ago, and she leaves three sons, one in Melbourne, another in Whroo, and the third in Burbanks, W.A.

Prior to coming to Bendigo she lived at Whroo, where she was well known and respected. It is understood that the deceased possessed an independence, as she had a nice little home and lived very comfortably.

Her son in Melbourne was telegraphed for, but was unable to catch last night's train. The late Mrs. Northausen had frequently expressed her desire to be buried at Whroo, and it is probable her remains will be taken there for interment.