Mr James Hipgrave

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Mr James Hipgrave's many friends will regret to learn that he expired at his residence, Nine Mile, on Saturday at the age of 72.

The deceased came to the state from Hertfordshire, in England, in 1852 — just as the rush here for gold was at its height — and went to Bendigo, where he stayed for some years. About 40 years since, he took up his abode in Whroo and had resided in that locality ever since.

The deceased was a well-known prospector. He discovered the 40-Foot and several other alluvial leads. His best find in reefs was the one at Scrubby, where he and his sons got some very good crushings.

He leaves eight children — five sons and three daughters — to mourn their loss.

The remains were interred in the Whroo cemetery on Monday, the following being a large one. The Rev. J. R. Walker officiated at the grave. Mr Anderson was the undertaker.