

## **John Welch**

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Mr John Welch [Welch], of Dargalong, died on Saturday last at his residence, at the age of 39 years, from inflammation of the lungs and liver.

The deceased, who was born in Sydney, arrived in this colony when only five years of age. For many years he was a resident of Whroo, and at one time was employed by Mr W. C. Walbran, of Rushworth.

About 8 years ago he took up his residence at Murchison, and held the licence of the Perseverance Hotel.

He sold out from this on his contract for the Ballarat to Springs railway being accepted. In this undertaking he was not successful.

The deceased leaves a wife and family of nine children, who are but poorly provided for, but we are informed that the members of the Waranga St. John's Masonic Lodge are taking his widow's case up, and from the well-known charity of that institution a favorable amount of assistance is likely to be obtained.

The deceased was followed to his last resting-place at Whroo by a large number of friends from Murchison, Rushworth, and Whroo.

The impressive ceremony of the Freemason's craft was performed with full Masonic honors, the Dead March in Saul being played by the Rushworth Brass Band.