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## Obituary.

MR. WM. LINEHAN.

A district pioneer in the person of Mr. W. Linehan passed away at his residence, Warring, on Sunday last. Mr. Linehan, who was 83 years of age, was a native of County Cork, Ireland, immigrated to Victoria in 1856, the voyage out extending over nine months. On landing in Victoria he went to his uncle, the late Mr. D. Ahern, of Kilmore, with whom he resided for some time. On the rush to the diggings setting in he started carting to the various fields, meeting with the customary hardships and difficulties associated with the lot of the carrier in those days. In 1865, attracted by the prospects of a farming pursuit, he selected land at Warring, being amongst the first batch of settlers to do so in the Goulburn Valley, and was practically the pioneer selector of Warring. In 1865 he married Miss Sarah Roach, daughter of the late Mr. Roach, of Tabilk, and afterwards of Tatura. Mr. Linehan, who was a hard-working industrious man, was very successful with his farming operations, and established a reputation as a breeder of Clydesdale horses, of which he was looked upon as one of the best judges in the valley. Mr. Linehan did not take a very active part in public matters, though he was a councillor of the Shire of Goulburn on one occasion, but did not seek re-election at the expiration of his term of office. A family of six sons and four daughters, viz., Julia (Sisters of the Poor, Valparaiso, Chili), Mary (nurse in Second Australian General Hospital, Egypt), Catherine and Bridget (Warring), Patrick and William (Dowerin, W.A.), Martin (Numurkah), Thomas (Yarrawayah), John and Daniel (Warring) are left to mourn their loss, and for them and their mother the greatest sympathy is expressed.

The high esteem in which Mr. Linehan was held was shown in the large cortege which followed the remains to the Nagambie cemetery on Tuesday last, friends and relatives being present from all parts of the State to pay their last respects. The Rev. Fr. Kavanagh read the burial service, while the mortuary arrangements were conducted by Mr. W. S. Hand.

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