

Henry James "Harry" Pettifer

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Our readers will learn with regret of the death of Mr Henry Pettifer, which occurred at his late residence, between Whroo and Bailieston, on Friday evening last.

The cause of death was pulmonary consumption, and deceased had suffered very acutely from this complaint for some years past, so that his death was not unexpected. He was not an old man, being but 54 years of age, and for the greater portion of his life had resided in the district, throughout which he was very widely respected.

He followed various occupations in his earlier days, and at one time carried on a butchering business at Whroo. This was when Whroo was a thriving township and had a population ten or twenty times greater than it has at present.

In later years he acquired the land on which he resided at the time of his death, and, with his wife and family, who were rapidly growing up, indulged in rural pursuits.

His health was such, however, that for some years past he could do little more than supervise operations.

Deceased was an old member of the Whroo cricket club, and by no means a poor exponent of the game, for which he had a great partiality. Up till twelve months ago he filled the position of umpire to the Bailieston club and it spoke well for him that his decisions were very rarely questioned.

He leaves a wife and family to mourn their sad loss. The remains were interred in the Whroo cemetery on Sunday afternoon, there being a large number of mourners present.

The Rev. J. R. Walker conducted the funeral service, Mr Medhurst having charge of the mortuary arrangements.