

James Darroch

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We regret to state that Mr James Darroch, an old and much respected resident of Whroo, expired suddenly on Monday last.

Deceased was a partner in Darroch Bros, sawmill. About one o'clock on Sunday he broke a blood vessel during a fit of coughing. Dr. Heily was sent for directly after the occurrence, and did all he could for the sufferer, who had been expectorating blood. Mr Darroch became worse on Monday morning, and a few minutes after a messenger had left at noon for the doctor he died, consumption being the cause of death.

His age was about 40 years, and his sad demise, we are informed, has been almost a calamity to Whroo, Mr Darroch having closely identified himself with everything tending to the advancement of the place.

His large-heartedness and kind disposition made him immensely popular, and caused him to be held in high esteem.

His remains were interred in the Whroo Cemetery, a very large number of sympathisers showing the deceased the last token of respect by joining in the cortege.

A plaque in the cemetery indicates that he was 35 years of age. Interesting to see referral to "old" resident.