

Otto Opperman

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An old and most respected resident of Bailieston, Mr Otto Opperman, passed away on Friday last after a protracted illness.

The deceased came to Coy's Diggings about 23 years ago, and devoted himself to mining in the neighborhood.

Some five years ago traces of miner's complaint began to show themselves, and for two years' past the disease had quite broken down his strength and prevented him from following his occupation. His end, however, came with startling suddenness. He had been moving about the house as usual, though in a weak state, and having been talking to a visitor had just gone into his room when he was taken with the last struggle and in ten minutes was dead.

His funeral took place on Saturday last, and his remains were taken to the Methodist Church, with which body he had been actively associated for many years, and then to the Whroo cemetery, the Rev. W. H. Chapman conducting the ceremony. Mr Anderson carried out the funeral arrangements.

The deceased was 58 years of age, and was postmaster at Bailieston.

The plaque in the cemetery indicates 56 years.