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Grandmother

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The friends of Mrs Barker (relict of the late Mr John Barker, who died on the 26th of last March) will regret to hear of her death, which occurred on Thursday night at her residence, Karlsruhe, at 11.15 o'clock. The deceased, who was in her 75th year, had been in failing health since last November, when she and her husband were accidentally thrown out of their phaeton and she sustained injuries to her right shoulder and temple; but she was only confined to her bed at intervals, and then only for a few days. Prior to her husband's death Mrs Barker nursed him continuously for ten days, and it is believed that this strain on her system, added to the grief caused by her husband's decease, completely undermined her constitution and accelerated her death. The old lady, however, bore her sufferings with great fortitude, and only remained in bed when she was actually obliged to through feebleness. Mrs Barker (whose maiden name was Catherine Bell) was a native of Carlisle, in Cumberland, England. She and her husband were married in December, 1850, and they arrived in Victoria in May, 1851. Shortly after their arrival they conducted a general store and hotel at Springfield (now Woodend North) for five years, the stabling accommodation at their place being sufficient for 80 horses. About the year 1861 Mr Barker bought a farm of 450 acres owned by Mr English, between Springfield and Karlsruhe, and he and his wife and family settled upon it. Four or five years later Mr Barker bought the adjoining farm, on which he built a dwelling, and he and his wife and family removed to this place, and took up their permanent residence. Mrs Barker, who was a very nice person, and was held in much esteem by all with whom she was acquainted, leaves two daughters and two sons to mourn her death. The daughters are Mrs Siddall, of Moonee Ponds; and Mrs G. Hill, of the Werribee. Mrs Reid (wife of Mr John Reid, of the Education department) was another daughter, but she has been dead for some time. The sons are Mr Joseph Barker, who is a managing partner of two pastoral stations, and is also interested in another business; and Mr William Barker, who is employed in the money order branch of the Post and Telegraph department. The funeral of the deceased is announced for to-day.

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