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IN MEMORIAM

There passed away on Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, peacefully at her residence, “Rosebank,” South Yan Yean, at the age of 69 years, Catherine, the wife of Mr. John Cockerell, the well known blacksmith of South Yan Yean. The late Mrs Cockerell arrived in Victoria in the year 1839, having come to the colony with her father, the late John Gruison (sic), when only 8 years of age. Her father, who was a sergeant of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Regiment, passed the last days of his life in Victoria Parade, Collingwood. From his home, the late Mrs. Cockerell was married, and after a few years came with her husband to reside on the Plenty, and had lived continuously for over 46 years on the farm on which she died. The deceased lady was a shipmate of the late John Bell, and a number of the residents of the Kangaroo Ground district. She was well known and much respected as a quiet, inoffensive lady, and being of a retiring disposition seldom left her own home. Mrs Cockerell has left a husband and a family of six sons and five daughters to mourn her death. The deceased lady was a sister of the first wife of the late Moses Thomas, and was connected by marriage with a large number of families in the district, eight of her children being married. The deceased was buried in the Melbourne General Cemetery, where her father, mother, sister, and father-in-law are buried. Her death makes one more gap in the ranks of the older colonists, there not being many left of older standing than Mrs. Cockerell. Peace be to her soul and may she meet those she loved in a brighter and better world.