Death of Robert Charlton 31 December 1878

Mr. Robert Charlton, a gentleman well-known in connexion with the mining industry in this district, died at his residence, Sebastian, yesterday. The deceased first arrived in Bendigo in 1854, but after a brief stay proceeded to Maryborough and other places, finally returning to Sandhurst in 1864. He then, in company with some partners, commenced mining operations at Sebastian. The celebrated Frederick the Great claim belonged to him and his partners, and the proceeds of the mine not only gave fortunes to the party, but also added considerably to the income of the lessor of the ground by the royalty paid for the privilege of working the mine. The Frederick the Great plant is one of the largest in the colony. About 12 months ago operations at the mine were discontinued, and shortly afterwards Mr. Charlton proceeded to England. The trip, however, would appear to have operated injuriously on his constitution rather than otherwise, for since his return a few months back he gradually failed, until yesterday morning, when he died, at the age of 45 years. Mr. Charlton held the position of a justice of the peace for some time. He leaves a wife and family, who are well provided for.


Accessed 20 February 2015