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OBITUARY

MRS HELEN JANE WEBB

The funeral took place yesterday at Temuka of one of South Canterbury's oldest identities, Mrs Helen Jane Webb, who died at her home at Princes street, Temuka, on Monday, at the age of 78. Mrs Webb's parents, Mr and Mrs Waddel, were engaged in farming at Selwyn, and Mrs Webb, could remember the great flood of 1868 when both South Canterbury and Mid-Canterbury were inundated.

At the age of eight Mrs Webb saw stock being carried out to sea by the flood waters of the Waimakariri. It was after the flood that the family went to live at Milford. Mrs Webb was a regular exhibitor at the Temuka Horticultural Show about 30 years ago. She was the oldest pupil at the Milford School and cut the cake at the jubilee celebrations some years ago.

Mrs Webb is survived by her husband, Mr Andrew Webb, and seven adult sons and daughters. Five of her sons served in the Great War, one being killed in action. Her three daughters are Mesdames Hawke (Lowcliffe) Tregonning (Christchurch), and McNab (Matamata). There are 40 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

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MR ANDREW WEBB

The death occurred at the Timaru Hospital on Saturday night of Mr Andrew Webb, one of the oldest settlers in the Temuka district. Mr Webb came to New Zealand in the sailing ship, St. Lawrence, landing in a surf boat at Timaru. He was a native of County Wicklow, Ireland, and after his arrival he gained recognition as an expert blade shearer, his services being much in demand. In 1879 he married Miss Helen Waddel at Temuka. For 17 years he was a member of the Temuka Volunteer Rifle Company, which was at that time under the command of Major Young, of Winchester. At one time in the early days of Temuka Mr Webb was employed on the Green Hayes estate and later occupied the position of head gardener to Mr James Guild at "Trevenna," a position which he held for some years. His wife died three months ago. He leaves five sons and three daughters.