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DEATH OF 'GUS'

The man who served as the model and inspiration for the character "Gus" in the well-known "Me and Gus" stories died at his Denbigh Rd, Midhurst, home yesterday.

He was Mr Ralph Charles (Gus) Carroll, who lived on the Denbigh Rd for the past 70 years except for service in World War I. He was 75.

Two of Mr R. C. Carroll's sons are well-known Rugby players. Mr Ralph Carroll was a former Taranaki representative and All Black trialist and Mr Roy Carroll also represented Taranaki.

Born in the Wairarapa, Mr R. C. Carroll moved to Denbigh Rd with his family at the age of five. He attended the Denbigh Rd School and the Stratford High School before serving in World War I.

After returning from the war, Mr Carroll began working a Denbigh Road farm op-

posite that of Mr Frank Anthony, a bachelor who wrote the "Me and Gus" stories. The two became friends.

Mr Carroll played Rugby as a hooker for Midhurst in the then Thursday competition.

He married Miss Ruth Clarkson, Patea, 41 years ago.

Mr Carroll leaves his wife, three sons, Mr Ralph Carroll (Wellington), Mr Roy Carroll (Rawhitiroa) and Mr Rex Carroll (Midhurst) and one daughter (Ruth) Mrs Benson, Hamilton).



The late Mr R. C. Carroll.