

DAISY CHARD DEAD

Former Vaudeville Favorite

MANY YEARS ON STAGE

Through the death of Mrs. Rebecca Rowe the State has lost a former stage favorite. From the age of three years until about 20 years ago Mrs. Rowe, as Miss Daisy Chard, followed the footlights in vaudeville and pantomime.

She was 53 years of age, and was the wife of Mr. L. E. Rowe (proprietor of Empire Picture Theatre). She was buried on Monday at the Jewish Cemetery, West terrace.

Mrs. Rowe was a daughter of Mrs. R. Cohen, of Toorak. When three years of age "Fascinating Daisy," as she was called, began a stage career with the first troupe of minstrels to visit Australia. The number that gained her fame was "The Whistling Coon," which was taught her by Larry Foley. Miss Chard kept a book of newspaper cuttings, which gave her movements from 1893. She was described in Western Australia as the most versatile vaudeville artist ever seen in that State.

When four years old she appeared with Hosea Easton at the Princess Theatre, Melbourne. At one time, when engaged in pantomime at the Theatre Royal in the Victorian capital she knew Mr. John Fuller as a call boy. She played in Gilbert and Sullivan operas, and worked with John Sheridan, Bland Holt, Harry Rickards, Williamson and Musgrove, John Gourlay, Frank Clark, Charlie Cogill, Misses Ada Reeve and Rosa Towers.

Her first husband was the late Mr. T. Edwards, whom she married 20 years ago. He was also on the stage. Their only child, Mrs. E. Black, of Toorak, followed the profession for a number of years. She was known as Miss Eva Chard, and performed with Miss Eileen Ryan. They were called the Chard sisters.

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Miss Constance Black, who at the age of three appeared at the Majestic Theatre, was a granddaughter of the late Mrs. Rowe. Other relatives are Messrs. Louis, of Adelaide, and Joseph Cohen, of Melbourne (brothers), and Mrs. A. B. Allen, of Norwood (sister).
