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Will of the Late Mrs. John L. Kurtz.

The body of Mrs. Harlette Thomas Kurtz, widow of the late John L. Kurtz, who died in the Orange General Hospital, Orlando, Florida, Sunday, February 1st, from pneumonia, following an operation, reached Lewistown Friday morning at ten o'clock and was taken to the Frentz undertaking rooms until burial was made. The only surviving relatives, Mrs. George Thomas and son, George, Mr. and Mrs. Sarver and small daughter, all of Swissvale, arrived in Lewistown, Thursday, to be present at the funeral. Saturday afternoon at half-past two, a simple but impressive service was conducted by Reverend Reid Dickson, pastor of the Presbyterian church, in the presence of the relatives and a few long-time friends after which interment was made beside the body of her husband in the Thomas plot in the old Episcopal cemetery. Owing to the recent heavy snows the roads were impassable to automobiles and the body, accompanied by the minister, pall-bearers, two nephews and her executor, Mr. Nelson Robb, of Bellefonte, was conveyed to the cemetery in a large sled.

Her will, which indicates her deep interest in various philanthropies, was drawn up by Harry Keller, signed November 20, 1918, and probated in the court house in Bellefonte, February 3rd, by Nelson Robb, of the Bellefonte Trust company, her executor. It is as follows:

After directing that all just debts and expenses be paid and a few minor bequests to relatives the will reads:

Fifth: At the death of my niece, the sum of \$1800 to be given absolutely to the Bellefonte hospital.

Sixth: Unto the Bellefonte hospital the sum of \$2000, absolutely, for the purpose of endowing a free bed for invalids, the same to be designated "The John L. Kurtz Bed" in memory of my husband; or appropriated for a dietetic kitchen.

Seventh: Unto the Lewistown hospital the sum of \$1500, absolutely, for the purpose of endowing a free bed for invalids, the same to be designated "The Thomas Bed" in memory of my mother and sisters.

Eighth: Unto the Protestant Episcopal cemetery of Lewistown the sum of \$100, in trust, to safely invest and, in consideration of the interest or income thereof, to keep my burial lot therein in perpetual repair.

Ninth: Unto the Protestant Episcopal cemetery of Lewistown the sum of \$500, absolutely, to be used for necessary repairs to and of said cemetery.

Tenth: To the First Presbyterian church of Bellefonte, the sum of \$2000, in trust, to be invested by the trustees of said church in good safe securities and the interest or income derived therefrom to be applied toward the work of foreign missions. This legacy shall be known as, "The John L. Kurtz offering."

Eleventh: To the Civic club of Bellefonte, the sum of \$1000 to be used solely for the purchase and erection of a drinking trough for horses and dogs, said club to purchase the same and select the site thereof; if at the expiration of six months after the probate of this will, said drinking trough has not been completed, I thereby revoke the above request and bequeath this sum to the Woman's Branch of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, of Philadelphia.

Twelfth: My household articles at the homes of Mrs. P. Gray Meek and Mrs. J. E. Ward shall be gathered together and sold to the highest bidder, the proceeds to be given to the Bellefonte hospital. I request Mrs. J. E. Ward to superintend this work and also as a personal remembrance, I direct that \$300 shall be given her, in memory of her many kindnesses to me. Any articles not sold shall be boxed and sent to my niece, Mrs. Hattie Sarver, if she be then living, and, if not, shall be given to the worthy poor.

Thirteenth: The sum of \$500 to Miss Sara Sunderland, of Lewistown.

Fourteenth: The sum of \$500, absolutely, to the Messiah Universalist Home for Old Ladies, Logan, Pennsylvania.

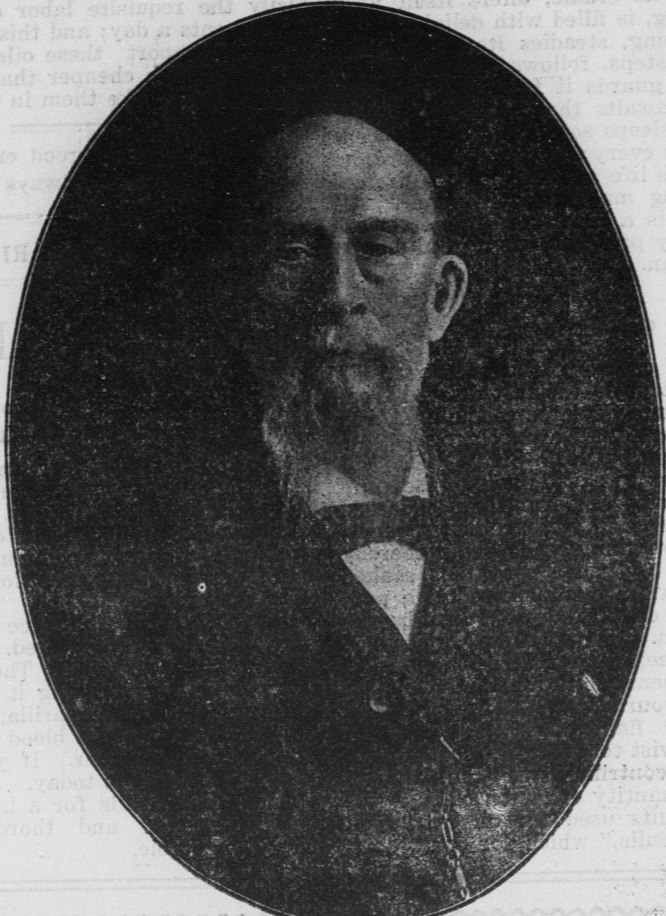
Fifteenth: That all the foregoing bequests shall be received by the beneficiaries clear of any deduction for collateral inheritance tax.

Sixteenth: These bequests shall be paid in the order made.

Seventeenth: All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, real, personal and mixed, after the payment of the foregoing bequests, I give to the Woman's Branch of Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, of Philadelphia.

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REV. JAMES POTTER HUGHES, late Principal Emeritus of the Bellefonte Academy.

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"To resist with success the frigidities of old age one must combine the body, the mind and the heart; to keep these in parallel vigor one must exercise, study and love," these words constituted the cardinal doctrine which the Rev. James Potter Hughes adopted to direct his course through life, and the fact that he lived for 92 years, 1 month and 24 days before he sank to his final sleep at ten minutes before the noon hour on Sunday is evidence that the axiom served him well, indeed.

Rev. Hughes was born in Cape May, N. J., December 15th, 1827. His boyhood days were spent on a farm where he reveled in the outdoor life he loved so well, such as gunning, fishing, swimming and other sports native to the life in that section at that time, working when his labor was required and attending school when it was in session. As he grew older he took advantage of the educational facilities offered at the Tuscarora Academy and Lewistown Academy, equipping himself for entrance to Princeton College in 1847, when but twenty years old. After completing the literary course he entered the Theological Seminary for a three years' course, which he concluded successfully and was ordained to the ministry. The summer following his graduation he spent as agent for the American Sunday School Union in Luzerne county.

Some three years later he was called to the chair of mathematics in Luzerne Presbyterian Institute at Wyoming, Pa., and later he was placed in charge of the school, including the religious services on Sunday. The success which attended his work there was the means of his being called to a larger field of work as principal of Edgell school, Princeton, N. J. The Civil war was the burden the United States was carrying at that time, and Rev. Hughes organized a company of forty rifles from among his students and had an army officer drill them daily. Most of the boys went into active service in the armies of the Blue and the Grey, but few of them returned.

The strenuous duties of school life were brightened at that period by the marriage of Rev. Hughes to Miss Emily W. Roberts, a good and capable woman whose assistance and influence he was privileged to enjoy until 1889, when she responded to the call from her loving Father.

Shortly after the close of the Civil war Rev. Hughes went to Logansport, Ind., to take control of an active and prosperous school but at the end of three years was induced to come to Bellefonte Academy, where he led a continuously active and interesting life. The pure mountain air soon increased his strength and established his health, fitting him to take hold of a very much impoverished school and start it on the way to its present success. The remarkable story of the upbuilding of this now widely known educational institution is so familiar to "Watchman" readers that there is no need to recall it here.

To reminisce on the early life of the Academy was a delight to Rev. Hughes and his listeners. A group of boys gathered around him to hear his stories of hunting and college days was a familiar scene, especially upon such days when the weather was unfit for his daily drive. Being prominently fitted to fill the offices of preacher and teacher Rev. Hughes for a number of years faithfully served as stated supply in the Bald Eagle valley Presbyterian church, where in the years that followed he was always a most welcome guest.

Rev. Hughes never recognized class distinction, hence in his pilgrimages up and down Bald Eagle valley and his various drives through the surrounding community he never failed to invite a tired woman or child whom he overtook trudging along the road to share his buggy and ride with him. In this way he frequently learned of a family in need and quietly provided for their immediate wants when he returned to town. But the good he did in this way was never known outside.

Life to Rev. Hughes consisted mainly in the diversions and pleasures he could get out of each day, and after all is said and done what great-

er record can any man leave. He was not over keen for automobiles, always averring that they traveled so fast he could not see or enjoy the country. Nature and country life were to him an inspiration and an uplift, and to them he traveled daily with his faithful horse, searching for the birds and the flowers and frequently returning with arms full of green foliage, flowers and strange plants. His love for the birds and the flowers, for nature in general, and above all, for little children, was one of the predominant characteristics of his life. The night before he passed away, in attacks of partial delirium, he imagined that his faithful old horse was standing out in the snow unblanketed and uncomfortable and he begged the nurse in attendance to send some one out to cover him. This thought and care for beasts and birds—the real christian spirit—continuously characterized the wonderful life of this grand old man. He was always most solicitous as to the health and comfort of his children, never seeming to realize that his own health might suffer and that he could be called before any of his loved ones.

He was an enthusiastic supporter of all kinds of athletic sports and he and his horse were always familiar sights at all kinds of games on Hughes field. His daily exercise was as much a part of his existence as his meals and he always made it a point to go after his horse and buggy instead of having them "sent around." He made a mental calculation of the length of the walk in front of the Academy property over which he paced daily for exercise, calculating the distance traveled to a nicety.

He was one of the familiar figures to be seen daily at the Spigelmyer news stand, awaiting the arrival of the morning newspapers, and should they fail in making connection his disappointment would be unusually keen, as he literally devoured the secular as well as religious newspapers. In this connection it might be stated (with pardonable pride) that he always looked forward to Friday morning for the appearance of the "Watchman" and would read it from start to finish. His wonderful speech to the students on the occasion of the celebration of the ninety-second anniversary of his birth exemplified his marvelous mentality, which remained with him to the last. Being well read he had positive views on all of the current questions of the day, and never hesitated to express them when opportunity presented itself.

While thoroughly conversant with all the branches of study in the curriculum of a school mathematics was his hobby, and to express it in common parlance he was a perfect wizard in figures. On one occasion one of the eminent judges of Centre county remarked that of all teachers of mathematics he ever knew Rev. Hughes was the only one who could make a fairy tale out of an arithmetic problem. On another occasion a well known lawyer serving on a building committee figured out the required number of brick for a certain building so rapidly and so correctly that the contractor was simply amazed and asked him where he learned his method of calculation. The lawyer promptly replied, "I learned from Rev. Hughes when I was a student at the Academy."

The measure of any man is not so much the success he accomplished for himself as the good he did for his fellowmen and the community in which he lived and though his work was always unostentatious the measure of the man who has just passed away after more than a half century of life in Bellefonte must be filled to overflowing.

Rev. Hughes was a regular and faithful attendant at church and Sunday school, taking active part in the study of the lessons and in the singing during the church service, of late years carrying a little flashlight to enable him to see more clearly the words of the hymns he loved to sing.

The Sunday before his ninety-second anniversary—December 14th—Dr. McKinney, pastor of the Presbyterian church, recognizing the graciousness of God in permitting Rev. Hughes to reach such a good old age in full possession of his mental pow-

ers, called him into the pulpit to offer the so-called "long prayer," and the old patriarch—for such he was—responded in a prayer that was beautiful in thought, forceful and impressive in expression.

"No one hears the door that opens When they pass beyond our call; Soft as loosened leaves of roses One by one our loved ones fall."

He lived with no thought of self or the accumulation of money or glory, but of the good he could do for others and for the country he loved with a patriotism that was second only to his love for the Heavenly Father, and in his passing away Bellefonte and the surrounding community has suffered a loss that can be softened only with the thought that he was spared to see the fruition of his life's work reach such a successful stage.

Rev. Hughes is survived by the following children: Mrs. J. A. Dunkel, of Pittsburgh; James R. Hughes, principal of the Bellefonte Academy, and Charles S., business manager of the Academy; Mrs. Frank P. Basset, of Monterey, Mex.; Edward L., Minneapolis, Minn.; Luther E., and Mrs. Chester Irvine, the latter living in Fort Worth, Texas.

It might here be mentioned that Rev. Hughes was one of a family of twelve children and he outlived them all but one, the only survivor being a sister, Mrs. Amelia Kershaw, of New York city. Another interesting thing in connection with the family is that Rev. Hughes and two of his brothers were ordained ministers in the Presbyterian church while three of his sisters were married to Presbyterian ministers.

Very impressive funeral services were held in the Presbyterian church at two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon. Dr. W. K. McKinney, the pastor, was in charge and during the service the Hon. Ellis L. Orvis and John Blanchard Esq., both of whom studied under Rev. Hughes paid fitting tribute to the memory of the man who had done so much in shaping the character of men and women who were his pupils. The remains were laid to rest in the Union cemetery.

Out of town relatives and friends who were here for the funeral were Mrs. J. A. Dunkel, of Pittsburgh; Edward L. Hughes, of Minneapolis; Mrs. Carl Bernhardt and Miss Dorothy Schuchman, of Pittsburgh; Dr. Grier and Miss Davis, of Birmingham Seminary; Hon. John R. Woodward, of Howard, and Budd Thompson, of Martha.

Letters and telegrams of condolence were received from Chancellor McCormick, of the University of Pittsburgh; Judge Woods, of Lewistown; Dr. George E. Hawes, of Harrisburg; Hon. John Hamilton, of State College; N. W. Ayer & Son, of Philadelphia, and scores of old students and friends.

RUNKLE.—Robert Duncan Runkle, a native of Centre county, died at his home in Shamokin on Sunday morning after a brief illness. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Runkle and was born in Pennsylvania sixty years ago. As a young man he learned the foundry business and shortly after his marriage moved to Shamokin where for some years past he had been in charge of the big Mullen foundry. He was a life-long member of the Lutheran church and an estimable citizen in every way.

He was married to Miss Maggie Stover, of Spring Mills, who survives with five children, Stanley, William, Mrs. William G. Runkle, of Bellefonte; Louise and Edith, of Shamokin. He also leaves three brothers and one sister, namely: J. W. Runkle, of Centre Hall; Calvin, of Shamokin; Foster, of Penn Hall; and Mrs. Robert Musser, of Spring Mills. Funeral services were held at his late home on Tuesday morning by his pastor, Rev. William Fisher and the same afternoon the remains were brought to Centre Hall on the Lewisburg train and taken direct to the Centre Hall cemetery for burial.

ELLENBERGER.—Samuel Ellenberger, a long-time resident of Gensburg, this county, died on Tuesday evening of last week at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Isaac Gates, in Tyrone, of general debility. He was a son of John and Mary Ellenberger and was born at Gensburg on June 2nd, 1830, hence was in his ninetyeth year. He was a farmer by occupation and all of his life, with the exception of the past few years, was spent at the place of his birth. He was a member of the Ross Methodist church and an upright, christian gentleman.

In 1854 he was united in marriage at Stormstown to Miss Mary Gates who died some years ago but surviving him are the following children: Mrs. Isaac Gates, of Tyrone, and Prof. I. C. N. Ellenberger, located in Florida. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Mathias Rider and Mrs. Emaline Gates, both of Gensburg. Funeral services were held in Tyrone last Thursday evening and on Friday the remains were taken to Gensburg for burial.

MORRISON.—Miss Jennie E. Morrison, eldest daughter of Andrew and Susan Meese Morrison, died at her home in Williamsport on Monday after a brief illness with pneumonia. She is survived by her parents, three sisters and one brother, namely: Mrs. Dilsaver, of Washington, D. C.; Miss M. E., in New York; Benjamin, of Williamsport, and Miss Sarah at home. The Morrisons were originally Bellefonte residents and the remains were brought here on Wednesday afternoon on the Lehigh-Pennsylvania train and taken direct to the cemetery for burial.

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MOERSCHBACHER. — Charles Henry Moerschbacher, the well known restaurateur of Bellefonte, passed away at his home on Thomas street at 9:30 o'clock on Wednesday morning of arterio-sclerosis and heart complications. He had been ill a month or longer but his condition did not become serious until about a week ago.

Deceased was a son of Casper and Lena Zwiebel Moerschbacher and was born at Minersville, Pa., in September, 1857, hence was in his sixty-third year. His occupation prior to coming to Bellefonte was that of a stationary engineer and when a young man he worked at Minersville, Pottsville and various places in the hard coal regions until his marriage to Miss Mary Wadlinger, when they took up their residence at Freeland. In December, 1904, he came to Bellefonte with his family, having purchased the various business franchises that were then conducted by Jesse Cox.

Mr. Moerschbacher was quiet and unostentatious in manner but a good citizen in every way. He was especially devoted to his home and his family, and his greatest consideration was for their welfare and happiness. He was a member of St. John's Catholic church and a member of the church choir.

Surviving him are his wife and the following children: Mrs. William Houser, of Meadville; Ralph, Mrs. Richard Brouse and Cyril, of Bellefonte; Charles, of Gary, Ind., and Misses Celia and Bertha at home. He also leaves one brother, Frank Moerschbacher, of Shenandoah, and one sister, Mrs. Peter Smith, of Pottsville.

Funeral services will be held in St. John's Catholic church at ten o'clock tomorrow (Saturday) morning by Rev. Father Downes, after which burial will be made in the Catholic cemetery.

ROYER.—John Royer, a widely known resident of Nittany valley, died at his home at Zion last Saturday morning as the result of a stroke of paralysis, following an affliction of some months with gangrene.

He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Royer and was born in Miles township on December 8th, 1832, hence was past eighty-seven years of age. Early in life he learned the trade of a carpenter and later followed the contracting business with the result that many buildings throughout Nittany valley are standing monuments of his skill as an artisan. In 1851 he became a member of the Reformed church at Snyderstown and had always been an active leader in its affairs, having filled the office of elder for many years.

In 1857 he was united in marriage to Miss Lucy Anne Grimes, who preceded him to the grave about four years ago. He is survived, however, by three sons, W. A. and George P. Royer, of Dakota, Ill., and Harvey, of Zion. He also leaves one brother, Daniel Royer, of Valley Falls, Kan. Rev. Charles H. Faust had charge of the funeral which was held at ten o'clock on Tuesday morning, burial being made in the Zion cemetery.

LOWRIE.—Mrs. Matilda Nassau Lowrie, widow of the late Jonathan R. Lowrie, died at her home at Warriorsmark last Thursday morning following an illness of six months, aged eighty years. Mrs. Lowrie was a devoted member of the Presbyterian church and a most assiduous worker in the cause of missions. She and her step-daughter, Miss Sarah R. Lowrie, frequently visited in Bellefonte and were well known by quite a number of people here. Mr. Lowrie died in 1885, but surviving the deceased are two sons, Charles N., in New York city, and Matthew, in Louisiana; a step-daughter, Miss Sarah Lowrie, and two step-sons, Dr. William L. Lowrie, of Tyrone, and Roberts Lowrie Esq., of Philadelphia. The Lowrie home at Warriorsmark is one of the most palatial and beautiful in that valley and the death of Mrs. Lowrie will probably mean the passing of the property into other hands. Mrs. Lowrie was buried at Warriorsmark on Saturday afternoon.

HOOPER.—L. C. Hoover, a prominent grocer of Altoona, died last Thursday evening after one week's illness with pleuro-pneumonia. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hoover, and was born at Unionville, this county, on October 1st, 1882, hence was in his thirty-eighth year. Most of his life had been spent in Altoona, where he was a director in the Wholesale Grocery company and the Altoona Baking company. In 1912 he was married to Miss Olive Clark, of Blanchard, who survives with one son, Wilson. He also leaves his step-mother, one brother and a number of step-brothers and sisters. The remains were taken to Blanchard where burial was made on Sunday.

WAY.—John I. Way, a resident of Altoona, died at the Mercy hospital in that city on Sunday following an illness of some weeks with a complication of diseases. He was a son of Elmer and Josanna Way and was born in Buffalo Run valley, this county, on April 9th, 1871. He had been a resident of Altoona for a number of years, having been a watchman for the Pennsylvania railroad company. His only survivor is one sister, Mrs. Jessie Jones, of Windber. Burial was made in Fairview cemetery, Altoona, on Tuesday afternoon.

WEAVER.—Bertha Ellen Weaver, infant daughter of David and Mary Houtz Weaver, of Pleasant Gap, died on Saturday after a week's illness with broncho-pneumonia. Burial was made at Pleasant Gap on Monday.

WITMER.—Oliver Witmer, a well known young man who was born and grew to manhood in Bellefonte, died in a hospital in Detroit, Mich., at nine o'clock on Wednesday evening of pneumonia, the result of an attack of the flu. For some years past he had been located in Altoona where he was engaged in the plumbing business. On Monday of last week he went to Detroit to enter on automobile school. He had a bad cold when he left Altoona and the result was he developed a bad case of the flu. Pneumonia followed and last Saturday he was taken to the hospital. His condition grew worse rapidly and on Tuesday his brothers William and Roy went to Detroit and arrived in time to see him before he passed away.

Deceased was a son of William W. and Angelina Lucas Witmer and was born in Bellefonte on March 11th, 1885, hence was not quite thirty-five years old. As a young man he learned the plumber's trade and for a number of years worked for Archibald Allison, finally going to Altoona. He was a dependable and industrious young man and had many friends in Bellefonte who deeply regret his death. In addition to his parents he is survived by the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. William Hunsinger, of Altoona; Mrs. Thomas Tressler, of Buffalo Run; William, Roy, Paul and Anna, at home. The remains will probably reach Bellefonte this (Friday) evening but the time of the funeral has not yet been set.

BARTHOLOMEW.—Mrs. Elizabeth Walker Bartholomew, for years a well known resident of Centre Hall, died on Wednesday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Smith, in Pittsburgh, of pneumonia, following an attack of influenza. She was born in Nittany valley and was about seventy-five years of age.

After her marriage to Mr. Bartholomew she took up their residence in Centre Hall where they made their home for many years. Mrs. Bartholomew was left a widow thirty-five years ago when her husband was instantly killed by a log rolling on him while working in the woods, and while her children were quite young, but she bravely assumed the burden of rearing them to womanhood and with extreme devotion and care discharged her task in a manner which won for her the esteem and admiration of all who knew her. She was a life-long member of the Presbyterian church and a most excellent christian woman.

Her surviving children are Mrs. Clyde Spencer, of East Chicago; Mrs. Harry J. Kittleberger, of Curwensville, and Mrs. Harry Smith, of Pittsburgh, as well as six grand-children. Mrs. Emma Decker, of near Jacksonville, is a half sister, while William Bartholomew, of Bellefonte, is a brother-in-law. The remains were brought to Bellefonte on the Pennsylvania-Lehigh train yesterday afternoon and taken direct to Hublersburg for burial.

BAUMGARDNER.—John S. Baumgardner died at his home at State College at noon last Sunday following a long illness with asthma and heart trouble. At that his death was quite unexpected as he had been able to be up and around until a short time before he passed away.

He was born in Nittany valley on May 12th, 1855, hence was in his sixty-fifth year. He was a member of the Methodist church from boyhood and for forty years a member of Boalsburg Lodge of Odd Fellows. Surviving him are his wife, his aged mother, two brothers and two sisters, namely: Harry Baumgardner, in the South; Collins, of Pleasant Gap; Mrs. Calvin Kline and Miss Ella, of State College.

Funeral services were held at his late home at State College at 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning by Rev. J. W. Long, after which burial was made in the Boalsburg cemetery.

RICHARDS.—Mrs. Lydia Richards, wife of John Richards, passed away on Sunday at her home on Logan street as the direct result of an attack of influenza. Some seven years ago she suffered a stroke of paralysis and the result was she had been an invalid ever since.

She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Brown and was born in Bellefonte on July 2nd, 1865, hence was 54 years, 7 months and 6 days old. Surviving her are her husband and six children, namely: Mrs. Abram Musser, of Pitcairn; George, of Swissvale; Charles, of Cleveland, Ohio; Samuel, of Swissvale; James and Bessie, at home. The youngest son, James, is also lying seriously ill with influenza. Rev. Smith, of the United Brethren church, had charge of the funeral services which were held on Wednesday afternoon, burial being made in the Union cemetery.

PINE GROVE MENTION.

A big reception will be tendered Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gates, newly-wedded couple, tomorrow noon at the home of the bridegroom's mother, Mrs. John Quinn, at Pennsylvania Furnace, and it is safe to conclude that a big dinner will be a feature of the reception.

Many of our public schools were closed the early part of the week. The high winds had so drifted the roads that it was impossible to get through by vehicle or on foot. The motor bus service from State College to T. rone has been suspended pending the opening of the roads. Men in charge of the state highway, with gangs of shovelers are at work in an endeavor to get them cleared for travel, but it has been a hard job as early in the week the roads filled up almost as fast as shoveled out. We were without mail service here several days and now have but one mail a day.