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## DEATH OF MRS. ELIZA HOKE.

First Husband a Victim of the Cholera Epidemic of 1853.

After several months of illness, Mrs. Eliza Ann Hoke died at her home in this place at an early hour on Saturday morning, July 14, 1900.

Mrs. Hoke, a daughter of John Sarah Steach, was born at Clear Ridge, Franklin county, on October 15, 1825; hence, she was 74 years, 9 months, and 29 days old.

On February 21, 1842, she was united in marriage with Mr. Geo. Hoke, who died August 22, 1853. They were born five children—Sarah Ann, Samuel, Mary Ellen, the last being the wife of Daniel L. Steach, and the only one yet living.

On the 11th of May, 1858, she was married to Mr. George Hoke, of this place, who died April 29, 1860. To Mr. and Mrs. Hoke children were born, all of whom survive her, namely, Jennie Hoke, wife of William Grissing, of this township; Clara, wife of J. C. Honck, Altoona, Pa.; J. C. Merrill, Iowa, and Miss Alice, at home.

Mrs. Hoke has been for many years a faithful member of the Methodist church; she lived an exemplary christian life, and died in the fullness of her faith, rejoicing in her lot in the better world beyond. The death of Mrs. Hoke will be remembered by our readers the Asiatic cholera epidemic of 1853. Among the victims in Chambersburg was John Steach, a brother of James Steach, of this place, and his previous to his death, died shortly after—August 22, 1853—in Chambersburg of cholera, and her remains were brought to this place and buried in the old white church yard. It is supposed the cholera epidemic was spread here at the time of her death. A few days after, Mr. Geo. Hoke, her son-in-law, died of cholera, and the first husband of Mrs. Hoke died August 22, 1853, thirty-four years. This was followed the next day by his father, Mr. Jacob Hoke, who was aged sixty years, and thereafter by his sister, Mrs. Caroline Dively, who left Chambersburg for Bedford county in apparently perfect health. On the way she had an attack of the dread malady and died in the stage just as she reached the top of the hill at the east end of Bedford. Her remains were brought to this place and placed in the graveyard on the side of her brother.

It is perhaps never been so "scarred" in this country as during that summer. The cholera epidemic seemed to forsake us by out of the presidents, and those who were compelled to move about in the middle of the epidemic in order to get as far from the danger as possible. We are told by a gentleman on an occasion to go to Chambersburg one day that there were several deaths from cholera that day. It seems to him that there was a cholera epidemic from every cellar. Mrs. Dively and his family were down in the Cove near Abram Fox now lives. Mrs. Dively was afraid to go near the while the family were in danger who went there, and had it not been for the cholera with the family and took them, there is no telling what results would have been. David Linn proved a good doctor, and when George Dively's body was prepared for burial by John Bender and his brother-in-law James Steach.

Dr. G. Newt Hoke says he was along the Cove road on the 11th of July, 1900, just south of town one mile from Dr. S. E. Dufield, who is attending the Dively family,

came along. He went out to the fence to inquire about the sick. In answer to his inquiry the Doctor placed his hand on his stomach and with a look of distress said, "I believe I am getting it myself."

Newt says, "It made my hair stand on end. I just went back, unhitched my horses, put them in the stable, and waited for the worst."

Fortunately the Doctor's cholera turned out to be a slight attack of cramp.

To illustrate to what extent people were frightened, Newt relates this incident:

"The day of George Dively's funeral, Tommy Logan, who lived on the farm now owned by Thomas F. Sloan, a mile and a half south of town, walked to McConnellsburg in the morning expecting to reach home before the funeral should come up the road. Being detained in town he did not get started home as early as he expected, and in order not to meet the funeral, ran nearly all the way home."

## INSTALLATION.

The following officers of the Jr. O. U. A. M. were installed at Clear Ridge on the 7th inst by P. C., W. L. Fields; J. P. H. Myers; C. R. J. Fields; V. C., B. E. Stevens; R. S., J. H. Baker; A. S., C. R. Shore; P. S., R. J. Fleming; Treasurer, Elliot Fraker; Conductor, A. A. Kerlin; Warden, Lee McClain; I. S., Cab Orth; O. S., Frank Locke; Trustees, Harry Wibbe, T. B. Stevens, and W. L. Fields, and R. S. C., B. H. Shaw. A meeting of the lodge is held at their hall at Clear Ridge every Saturday evening. Twenty-two new members have been initiated since the 15th of February; and still more to follow.

The members of that Lodge will have a picnic at Clear Ridge Saturday July 28th, at which time and place there will be music, speakers, refreshments, amusements, &c., to which everybody is invited. Their new hall will be dedicated on that day.

## SALUVIA.

Miss Edna Gilliland of West Dublin, was the guest of Mrs. E. R. Austin, from Saturday until Monday.

Mr. Frank Eitemiller, of Pittsburg, spent Thursday, the guest of George A. Harris, Esq.

Miss R. Lenore Wishart, spent several days with friends in McConnellsburg, last week.

Miss Nace of Chambersburg, Messrs. Wells Greathhead, and Frank Eitemiller, McConnellsburg, attended services at Green Hill, Sunday.

Mr. Oscar Metzler who is employed in Philadelphia, is spending a two week's vacation with his parents Mr. and Mrs. George F. Metzler, Harrisonville.

Mr. Grant Hann, of Davis, W. Va., is visiting his mother at this place.

Mr. G. Runyan Sipes continues dangerously ill.

Ten young gentlemen from McConnellsburg, spent Wednesday afternoon, and night, along Licking Creek. They enjoyed themselves as only true sportsmen can, and succeeded in catching a nice lot of fish and frogs.

The young ladies of the Green Hill Endeavor Society, will give a Box Social, and Ice Cream supper at the home of Miss Ella Mann, near Saluvia, Saturday evening July 28. There will be a first class Phonograph entertainment free. Should the weather be favorable the social will be held out of doors. All are invited to come and help a good cause.

Charlie Mielck, of Everett, is visiting his grand parents Mr. and Mrs. John Mielck.

Mrs. Wm. H. Bumgardner, of McConnellsburg, was visiting her parents Hon. and Mrs. James Daniels, over Sabbath.

Dr. West will occupy the pulpit in the Reformed Church next Sunday morning and evening.

## JAMES ELLISON DOWNES.

Mr. James E. Downes died suddenly at his home in this place Monday afternoon, July 16, 1900. His funeral took place from the residence of B. W. Peck at 10 o'clock a. m., on Wednesday, and his remains were interred in the cemetery at the Presbyterian church in this place.

The deceased was a son of James Downes and Eliza Ellison Downes, and was born April 17, 1833; hence his age at time of death was 56 years, 2 months, and 29 days.

October 24, 1873, he was united in marriage with Rebecca Frances Chamberlain, of Bedford county. To them were born five children, namely, Ellen Alice, who died in young womanhood; Sarah Etta, intermarried with Charles F. Peck, of Rays Cove, Bedford county; Robert McDonald, of Camden, N. J.; Thomas Kerr, whose home is in the family of Bartimeus Smith, Esq., of this county; and Annie Saedena, who died in infancy.

Since the death of his wife about four or five years ago, Mr. Downes has lived alone in the old Downes home near the west end of town.

During much of the time since the establishment of the "Fulton County News" he has been employed on that paper; and, while his work was principally on the case, he could turn his hand to anything that was to be done about the office, and so far as his failing health would permit, was a useful employe.

He had a wide experience in newspaper work. He began work as a printer when about fifteen years of age in the office of the Fulton Democrat, and since that time has been employed on the following papers:

"Bedford Inquirer," "Indiana Democrat," "Kittanning Mentor," of which he was the founder and editor. He was editor of the "Armstrong Democrat," a reporter for, and compositor on, the "Armstrong Republican," and worked on the "Kittanning Free Press." In Pittsburg at various times, he was employed as compositor and staff correspondent on the "Dispatch," "Chronicle," "Evening Advocate," "Times" and Commercial.

In Illinois he worked on the "Peoria Democrat," "Peoria Transcript," "Elmwood Observer," and in Iowa, was foreman in the office of the "Keokuk Constitution" and compositor on the "Gate City Press."

Returning to Pennsylvania, he for some time, held the position of foreman in the office of the "Johnstown Tribune," worked on the "Genius of Liberty," was editor of the "Democrat and Sentinel," compositor and general utility man in the office of the "Newcastle Courant," "Newcastle Guardian," "Columbian," helped to establish the "Bedford County News," "Everett's first paper, and has since worked on the "Everett Press," "Everett Republican," "Fulton Democrat," and "Fulton Republican."

"Jim" as he was familiarly called was well known to the older folks of the county. He was a born newspaper man and had it not been for a "weakness for the cup," which he tried manfully in later years to overcome, he would probably have risen to a rank with the first newspaper men of the day.

About four years ago he connected himself with the Presbyterian church, regularly attending preaching services, the Sunday school and the Christian Endeavor meetings; and showed by his life that he was trying to live in conformity with the teachings of Christ.

As has been stated he lived alone. Not coming to work on Monday morning, the editor of the "News" went to Mr. Downes's residence between ten and eleven o'clock, and found him somewhat indisposed, but did not think but that he would be all right in a few hours. Shortly after noon one of the neighbors called and found Mr. Downes lying in his bed—dead.

## FOUNDED ON FACT.

The other day Harry Irwin and a young lady passed The News office. It is a common thing for Harry to be passing with a young lady. If Harry passed a counterfeit bill there would be sure to be a young lady along to share the proceeds. This time he had a gun with him also, and the two were gunning for sparrows. Near the office a saucy little sparrow put in an appearance; the lady saw it first and informed Harry, who raised the gun, took deliberate aim, pulled the trigger, when there was a terrific report; the ground trembled, and the mountains echoed and re-echoed the awful sound. Harry dropped his gun, the lady was at his side instantly and gave him an embracing support, chided him for loading his gun so heavy, and after a charming outburst of sympathy, led him to Trent's soda fountain where they both recovered sufficiently to realize that it was a dynamite blast from the Water Works excavations, and not the amiable gun that made such a deafening utterance. If this story is not accepted wholly as the truth, we can produce Harry, the young lady, the sparrow, and the gun—all alive and kicking, except the gun.

(The above was written and put into type by the late James E. Downes. It is his last work editorially, and is a specimen of that quaint humor so characteristic of his writings.—Editor.)

## HAD NERVE.

Linn Alexander lives in Tod township back toward Cove mountain, north of the Chambersburg pike. Last Saturday a big rattlesnake came along, stopped in the yard, coiled himself up for a rest, and kept an eye skinned for business. Mrs. Alexander going to the door discovered his snake-ship, and thinking the children might grow nervous if they should go into the yard to play, went upstairs, got down Linn's shot gun, loaded it, came down to the door, drew a bead on Mr. Rattler, and—bang! When the echoes of the report of her gun had died out among the deep ravines on the mountain side and the smoke had cleared away, there was nothing left of the snake but shreds of skin and bits of backbone hanging on the bushes round.

## BRUCE CHESNUT.

At Swissville, Allegheny county, on June 27, 1900, occurred the death of Bruce Chesnut. He had been employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and later by the Union Switch and Signal company, at Swissville. In May last, he was stricken with measles, and later contracted other diseases, from which he died at the time stated. He was a trusty employe, kind in his manner, and beloved, by all who knew him. He is survived by his parents and a sister at Hustontown.

## LADIG.

George and Ross King, after spending the last two weeks harvesting, have returned to their work at Kearney.

Belle French, of Todd, Huntingdon county, has been visiting the past week at Hiram Clevenger's.

Mrs. J. G. Lyon has been ill the past week with neuralgia.

Rev. W. A. West, of McConnellsburg, called at J. G. Lyon's Saturday evening. Owing to Mrs. Lyon's illness, there was no preaching Saturday evening.

Rev. Frank preached at Fairview Sunday morning from Matt. 5:17-20.

Clarence Hoover spent Sunday at his home near West Dublin.

Mrs. Jas. Kurfman, of Trough Creek Valley, Huntingdon county, was visiting her mother, Mrs. Maria Laidig, the first of last week.

S. S. Wilson says he has killed fourteen hawks this year.

## WILLIAM HARRISON BOOTH.

On the night of July 5, quite a gloom of sadness overspread the home of William Harrison Booth, near Solon, Huntingdon county, Pa., when the death angel spread his broad wings and claimed as its victim—the father. Willing hands did everything possible to alleviate the sufferer; but, being afflicted with a complication of diseases for a long time, all efforts were in vain. Mr. Booth was intelligent, industrious and highly respected, having taught twenty-one consecutive terms of school, and served two terms as County Surveyor—all in Huntingdon county.

He was born near Newton Hamilton, Pa., September 7, 1831, and on the 8th of July 1860, was married to Miss Jane Shore. In addition to his widow, four daughters and one son survive him, namely, Allie—Mrs. Andrew Grissinger, Saltillo, Pa.; Jennie—Mrs. Curtis Starr, Three Springs, Pa.; Nettie—Mrs. Harry Unverzagt, Roxbury, Pa.; Miss Ella at home, and John residing near McConnellsburg.

Funeral services at the home, conducted by Rev. W. J. Sheaffer, Sermon from Rev. 14:13. Interment in the family burying ground.

Mr. Booth was a consistent follower of Christ, a great Bible student, and a man whose highest ambition in life was to be helpful to his fellowman.

## TAYLOR.

Mr. James Edmonson and family, of Harrisburg, have been visiting Mr. D. P. Anderson's the past two weeks.

Miss Hester Baker, of Clear Ridge, was the guest of Mr. T. B. Stevens' part of last week.

Mrs. Isaac Baker, who has been sick for some time, is improving.

Miss Carrie Wright is very poorly at this writing.

Joshua Heeter and Charles Stevens attended the show at New Grenada Monday night.

Jacob Winegardner and family attended an ice cream supper at James H. Fields's Tuesday night.

Mr. Emory Booth, one of Dublin Mill's merchants, returned home Thursday.

## AMARANTH.

Sharp Patterson and James W. Kendall, of Ayr township, were in our Valley last week.

W. E. Beatty and family will move to Philadelphia Tuesday. Success to them.

Daniel Streightiff and wife, of Robisonville, spent Sunday with the family of Robert Carson.

Miss Maggie McKibbin and sister Sallie spent Friday as the guest of Mrs. Rebecca Sides and family.

Quite a number of Col. Brady's friends were invited Sunday at the Springs to enjoy the abundance of cake and ice cream that Mrs. Brady had prepared.

## WARFORDSBURG.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Gordon, spent last Sabbath with Mr. and Mrs. Abner Weaver, of near Hancock.

Mrs. Robert Dixon, of Pittsburg, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Howard Hill, at this place.

Miss Sadie Winter, of Dott, visited Miss Laura Brady, Saturday of last week.

Miss Mattie Carr, of Waynesboro, is visiting friends at this place.

Mrs. Caroline Potter, of Buck Valley, visited friends at this place last week.

Miss Estella Logus, of Sylvan, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Stigers of near here.

Mr. Howard Dixon, of Siding Hill, spent Saturday and Sunday at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Troxel, are visiting friends near here.

Rev. Charles R. Pittman will preach in the United Presbyterian Church next Sunday morning.

## JOHN DANIEL STAHL.

John Daniel Stahl was born in Wittenberge, on the Elbe river, one hundred miles from Berlin, Germany, February 11, 1822. His boyhood was spent in his native country.

Arriving at manhood, he concluded to travel, and made a tour of the continent, spending four years among the sunny hills of Italy. He was a close observer of Italian life and customs, on which he liked to converse. His hearers would listen with intense interest to the narrations and descriptions of scenes which he beheld in that country.

Returning to his native land, he concluded to seek his fortune in the Western Continent, and on April 8, 1849 he received his passport and bade farewell to the land of his birth.

On landing at New York he took transportation for Baltimore, at which place he received employment. Later, he went to Harford county, Md., where he worked in a furnace. He was married in 1850 to Miss Delleh Tracey, of Jarrettsville, Md., who died about a year ago. To this union was born five children. Mary Elizabeth, deceased; John, a prominent farmer of Union township, this county; Caroline Hebner, deceased; D. Jane, wife of A. F. Hill, and J. Franklin, who lives on the home place.

Mr. Stahl has been a prominent figure in Buck Valley since 1853 at which time he removed from Harford county, Md., and became a tiller of the soil.

Mr. Stahl was a representative citizen, having filled various township offices. He was a kind and obliging neighbor, he was never appealed to in vain in a worthy cause.

In faith he was a Lutheran, joining the church in early manhood. He had been a patient sufferer for the last two years from a complication of diseases. He passed peacefully away on Tuesday July 10, at ten o'clock A. M.

His remains were laid to rest in the Lutheran cemetery near his home, July 11, at 5 o'clock P. M. A large number gathered to pay the last sad rites to one whom the whole community respected.

## LASHLEY.

EDITOR NEWS: We desire space in your paper to correct the article concerning "the riot on the Fourth." In using the columns of your paper for the publication of this article, we beg the kind indulgence of your readers and crave their pardon for intruding to make a correction.

The first duty of a correspondent is to give the news in an unadulterated form, accurate and with malice toward none, so the readers may be correctly informed.

We are surprised to know that any of our citizens would flagrantly misrepresent, and besmirch the fair fame of our community as the worthy correspondent from here did in his article concerning "the riot" on the fourth of July. "The justices were within reach."

We have but one justice in Union township at present. Mr. Whittfield, who was elected at the last election, has not lifted his commission; and Mr. J. W. Crook, our present justice, was at the bedside of his dying wife. Under the conditions, who would be guilty of asserting that "The justices were within reach?"

The charges that there were drunken women on the ground is a serious one—not well founded and cannot be substantiated.

"Nearly all the drunken disorderly men and women were from Bedford county, from Maryland, and from adjoining townships." What an insult to the citizens of the above named places! Can we expect visitors to come to our celebrations or gatherings if we lay such charges to them? If a few individuals misbehave and raise a "riot," it is not right to make unqualified statements reflecting on the entire community.

## PERSONAL.

Mr. Jacob Kauffman, of Pleasant Ridge, was in town Tuesday.

Mr. Ernest Lion is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Linn, of this place.

Miss Elizabeth Patterson of Webster Mills left on Monday for a visit among friends in Pittsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wilson of Pittsburg are at the Fulton House, in this place.

Mrs. Emma Swartz of Mt. Pleasant, Pa., is visiting her aunt Mrs. Hannah Goldsmith of this place.

Mr. David Logan, of Philadelphia, is spending this week among friends in McConnellsburg.

Bartimeus Smith, Esq., of Belfast, attended the funeral of J. E. Downes in McConnellsburg, Wednesday.

Miss Virgle Doyle and Mrs. Cornelius Doyle of Harrisburg, are visiting friends in McConnellsburg.

Mr. Burton Troxel, of Benning, D. C., is spending a week with his brother-in-law, Col. Bishop of this place.

Miss Margaret Daniels of Licking Creek township entered Prof. Greas's Normal as a student Monday.

Mr. P. P. Mann, of this place spent a day or two last week looking after his farming interests near Needmore.

Mr. Jesse Huber and sister, Ida, of Lancaster, returned home Monday after a week's visit in McConnellsburg.

Mrs. Sarah Zook, of Greencastle, attended the funeral of her sister Mrs. Hoke at this place last Sunday afternoon.

J. A. Wistar, of Foltz, and W. S. Hostetter, of Mercersburg, favored the News office with their presence while in town Tuesday.

Mr. Clarence Sloan, of Buffalo, N. Y., who had been spending three weeks among friends in McConnellsburg, left for home Monday.

Miss Nora Fisher, of Mercersburg, spent a few days last week visiting her aunt Mrs. S. B. Woollet, of the Washington House, at this place.

Mr. Paul Appenzeller, of Chambersburg, spent a few days during the past week with the family of Captain Skinner at Big Cove Tannery.

Mrs. Mary Wilhelm, of Homestead, accompanied by her little daughter, are visiting Mrs. Wilhelm's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Sipes, of this place.

Miss Grace Houston, of Garrett, Kansas, spent last week among the Kendalls and Johnstons in the Cove. She left for Washington, D. C., Monday morning.

John Selsor and his sister Miss Anna of this place, spent from Saturday till Monday with the family of their brother William of Mercersburg.

Mr. John Gehr and Miss Kate Snyder and her little nephew, Arthur Snyder—all of Waynesboro—spent last week with the family of Mr. George Snyder of Tod township.

Mrs. W. H. Bumgardner, and daughter Mary, of this place, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Bumgardner's parents, Hon. and Mrs. James Daniels of Licking Creek township.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Shade and Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Clippinger of Chambersburg, for a pleasant little outing, drove over to this place last week and spent a couple of days at the Fulton House.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Houpt, of Altoona, were called to this place last Saturday on the account of the death of Mrs. Houpt's mother, Mrs. Heike. Mr. and Mrs. Houpt will remain here a week or ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Brake of this place went over to Edenville, Franklin county, last Sunday to visit Mrs. Brake father, Mr. John V. Miller. Mr. Brake returned Monday evening and Mrs. Brake will remain two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Byers, of Greencastle, spent a few days last week with their son Bosley Byers near Websters Mills. Mr. Byers is a typo and worked in the Fulton Republican in this place during the management of W. W. Sellers.

Robt. M. Downes of Camden N. J., Thomas K. Downes of Belfast township and their sister Mrs. Etta Peck accompanied by her husband Mr. C. F. Peck of Rays Cove were here Wednesday to attend the funeral of their father Mr. James E. Downes.

Ex-Commissioner W. H. Spangler of Wells Tannery, has snakes "to burn." This summer he has noticed that black snakes have been rather numerous in the vicinity of his ice house, and curiosity led to an investigation the other day. In doing so, a nest was found in which were sixty-six snake eggs, forty-three young snakes, and old ones—well, there is no telling how many. Some got away; but Mr. Spangler and his assistants managed to kill twenty-two very large ones.