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## DEATH RECORD.

### Persons Who Have Been Called to Their Final Reward During the Week.

#### Parlett.

On Monday, February 11, 1901, at her residence in Buck Valley, Grandma Parlett passed quietly to her eternal rest. Mrs. Parlett had reached the unusual age of 94 years. Her remains were laid to rest in the yard at the M. E. church on Thursday, her pastor, Rev. Beall of Hancock officiating.

#### Hess.

The Death Angel entered their home and carried away the infant son of Frank and Jessie Hess. The funeral was held at the Sideling Hill Christian church on Saturday at twelve o'clock, services were conducted by Rev. Seifert. The bereaved parents have our heartfelt sympathy in their distress.

#### Hinich.

Elizabeth Hinich, of West Dublin, whose illness was mentioned in this paper last week, died on Monday evening, at the age of 78 years and 9 months. For more than forty years she has had her home with the family of J. G. Lyon. Interment Wednesday at Fairview, Rev. Frank conducting the funeral service.

#### Nail.

David R. Nail, one of Wells Valley's oldest citizens, died at his home near Wells Tannery on the evening of the 14th inst., at the age of 82 years. Mr. Nail was a shoemaker by trade, and until recently was able to walk to the Tannery a distance of two miles; and for a man of his age was in the enjoyment of health. A short time ago he became one of the many victims of La Grippe, which turned to pneumonia, and his vitality was not strong enough to withstand the attack. With the exception of his daughter Margaret who remained with him and cared for him to the last his children had gone to find homes of their own many years ago.

Mr. Nail's remains were interred at the Valley M. E. church.

#### Hart.

At the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Rachael Hart in Whips Cove Mr. Abner H. Hart died on Thursday, the 14th inst. aged about 63 years; and his remains were interred at the Sideling Hill Baptist church on the following Saturday. Mr Hart had not been sick long; he, only a few days before, having visited his sister Mrs. Margaret Truax who has been ill for some time. He was a son of the late William Hart of Whips Cove, and is survived by his brothers Job, of Chester, Pa., Dennis, of Hartford City, Indiana and Mrs. Margaret Truax of Belfast. He was married about 28 years ago and is survived by a daughter Miss Alice who resides with her aunt Rachel in the Cove.

#### Cunningham.

Joseph Cunningham, or "Uncle Joe" as he was familiarly known to his many friends, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Sarah J. Cromer, widow of the late Hon. J. J. Cromer, at Fort Littleton, February 17, 1901, aged 76 years and 10 months.

Mr. Cunningham was born near Shirleysburg, Huntingdon county, Pa., and many years ago was married to Miss Mary McDonald, a sister of William McDonald, of Williamson, Franklin county. His wife died about fourteen years ago.

To them were born six children—two sons and four daughters, all of whom are dead except Mrs. Cromer, before mentioned, and William, who resides at Pitscairn, Allegheny county, Pa.

The deceased served in the defense of his country during the Civil War, since which time he has been a resident of Fort Littleton. Of a most generous, and amiable disposition, he was held in the highest esteem by his large circle of friends and neighbors, who joined in paying the last tribute of respect as he was laid to his final rest in the cemetery at Fort Littleton on Wednesday.

#### Chesnut.

Etta Laidig Chesnut, wife of County Superintendent Clem Chesnut, died at her home at Hustontown, Tuesday evening February 19, 1901. Mrs. Chesnut attended the County Institute at this place in the early part of December, and since that time has been in rapidly failing health. She had been confined to her room for some four or five weeks previous to her death.

Mrs. Chesnut was a daughter of the late David Laidig of Taylor township, was born March 15, 1873, graduated at the Cumberland Valley State Normal with the class of '97, and was married October 25, 1899. Before her marriage she taught three or four terms in the public schools of this county, and was eminently successful as an instructor.

She was a member of the M. E. church, possessed a sweet christian character, and had a faith that robbed death of any terrors.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her mother, six brothers and five sisters all of whom live in this county except Clinton of St. Louis, Laura (Mrs. Curfman of Trough Creek, and Miss Eva in Philadelphia. Funeral Thursday at 10:30. Interment at Hustontown.

#### Stunkard.

Rob't F. Stunkard, a well known citizen of this county, died at his home in Taylor township last Friday aged, 23 years, 6 months, and 6 days; and was interred in the cemetery at Bethel church, New Grenada on Sunday 17th.

Mr. Stunkard was born in Wells Valley, and spent most of his life at New Grenada. While he was a skilful gunsmith by trade, he was engaged successfully in the mercantile business many years.

He was married to Miss Julia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Horton of Taylor township and to them ten children were born, four of whom live by his side in the cemetery at Bethel. Those living are, Eastman, at Six-mile Run; Mary, wife of Geo. W. Barnett, at Waterfall; Druce, wife of Bruce Shore, in Huntingdon county; Carrie, wife of Newton Palmer, Mt. Union; Charlie in Pittsburg and Miss Jessie at home. He has one sister, Mrs. Amanda Cunningham at Engle- vale Kansas.

Mr. Stunkard was a most excellent citizen and neighbor, and the large number of people who participated in the last sad rites bear but a feeble testimony to the esteem in which he was held.

#### Booth.

The many friends of John Booth of Tod township were startled to learn of his death Tuesday afternoon. He had been in usual health up to last Saturday, when he was attacked with pneumonia.

Mr. Booth was born in Mifflin county June 26, 1826; hence was aged 74 years, 8 months, and 3 days. In early life he moved to Huntingdon county, where he remained until the spring of 1870, when he was married to Miss Sarah Shinabrook, came to Dublin Mills, embarked in the mercantile business, and remained there about twenty years. He then removed to his farm just below Dublin Mills, where he lived two or three years, then he purchased the Samuel Rotz farm in Tod township, and removed thereto, where he remained to the time of his death.

Being possessed with more than ordinary mental ability, he through his own efforts, fitted himself to teach school, and for fifteen winter terms was among the most successful teachers in his county. At an early age he identified himself with the M. E. Church; and when but a boy, purchased a Bible and paid for it by chopping wood. This book, that has since been the guide to every action in life, he made it a rule to read through once a year.

For many years he was a Class Leader and Sunday School superintendent, and his life was in strict accord with his profession. To Mr. and Mrs. Booth were born six sons and one daughter. Two of the sons are dead. The survivors are Jehu and Elmer in the mercantile business at Dublin Mills, Gilbert and Elner a successful teacher in the public schools in this county and Blaine at home. In addition to his widow he is survived by three sisters Rebecca wife of Jacob Hammon, and Diana, wife of Sylvester Cromwell, both in Huntingdon county, and Jane Ann, wife of John Everhart of Clear Ridge. Interment in the family burying grounds between Dublin Mills and Maddensville, Thursday afternoon.

### Back to Washington.

Ex-Sheriff W. H. Pittman and W. H. Hess spent last Friday night at the county seat. These gentlemen went to Washington about two years ago; and Mr. Hess, after spending a season there, returned. Mr. Pittman, came home about three months ago but leaves again this week for Washington.

There are several Fulton county people out in that section (Adams county). Aaron Hollenshead, brother of Richard and Benjamin in Thompson, and Thomas and Jas. in Licking Creek, went out with his family about fourteen years ago, and has been very prosperous. Just recently he traded a hotel property at Ridgeville for 1900 acres of farm land. Will Hollenshead, son of Aaron, married to a daughter of James M. Peck, of Belfast, has a nice farm there. Michael Mellott, married to Sadie Hess, daughter of Job Hess, went out there with his family three years ago. Mr. Mellott has a homestead (160 acres) and 160 acres of railroad land.

Jake Hess, of Thompson, who participated in the Spanish-American war came home from the Service, married Miss Lizzie Pittman and went out and now has a firm foothold on the soil of the Pacific slope. He has 160 acres—80 of which is broken ready for a big wheat crop next summer.

Huston Peck, son of Denton Peck, went out about three years ago, and is now the possessor of a nice homestead.

Will Pittman has 480 acres, and 12 good horses. He is going back in time to put out 200 acres of wheat this spring.

That is a great wheat country. Mr. Pittman says he helped to market a crop last fall for a farmer who raised last year 80,000 bushels. The average yield is from 20 to 60 bushels per acre—the average in the state, as per statistics compiled by the Agricultural bureau is 25 bushels.

A peculiarity of the grass is that it grows in bunches west, while east of the mountains, it forms a contiguous sod.

They sow but one-half bushel of wheat to the acre; and then, from each kernel of wheat, grows a cluster, often as many as 125 stalks, with heads not unfrequently 8 inches long. Billy Hess was present when Will Pittman was telling this, and Billy said it was every word true.

Yet, after all, Mr. Pittman, who has been over the western states and territories from Mexico to Canada, admitted that there was no more desirable place to live than Old Fulton county.

### New Grenada.

The following officers of Waterfall Lodge I. O. O. F. were installed Saturday night by Special Deputy J. A. McDonough. N. G. E. W. McClain, V. G. L. L. Cunningham; Treas. Samuel Houck, Warden Jacob S. Black, I. G. H. C. McClain.

Thursday night while attending his duties at Woodvale shaft Sylvester Everhart, while ascending a ladder out of the shaft fell a distance of 35 feet. Dr. R. B. Campbell was summoned and rendered the necessary medical aid putting six stitches in his head. At present he is considered out of danger.

### Don't Seem to Appreciate.

It may be remembered that a few weeks ago we gave our friends, the County Commissioners, a pointer or two. We intimated that the taxpayers of this county had expressed their confidence in their ability and integrity by placing in their hands the business management of the affairs of the county; and that if they proved themselves faithful and true to the best interests of the taxpayers, and showed backbone enough to withstand the wiles of the political bosses, the people would rise up and call them blessed. But, one's best meant intentions sometimes go for naught, and our friends do not seem to appreciate our kindly offices.

We called attention to the fact that they paid to the Fulton Democrat last year for printing the county tickets, \$260, when they could have had the same work done for half that sum; and to show that the competing bids were plenty high enough, it is only necessary to say that the Commissioners of Snyder county with a population of nearly double that of our county, paid for ballots for the entire year not quite \$96.

To show the people of this county that they the COMMISSIONERS OF FULTON COUNTY "don't-half-to," they went ahead and gave without bids the contract to the Fulton Democrat for the current year for \$165 when \$65 would have been good pay.

If the commissioners can pay \$200 for work that is worth less than \$100, they can pay \$360 or 500, or any other sum that they are asked to pay.

Of course, they are cutting down expenses in some other directions. This week they ordered the copy of the FULTON COUNTY NEWS discontinued that goes to the Commissioners' Office the same as the other county papers. This will be a saving to the taxpayers of the county of \$1 a year!

### Buck Valley.

Mr. Emory Stahle, who had been visiting his grandfather, Mr. George Bishop, in West Virginia, returned home last week.

The tea party given to Miss Blanche Hendershot one night last week in honor of her twentieth birthday, was a grand success.

Mr. Moses True and family were guests of John Stahle one night last week.

Miss Bertha Rhea has returned home from Shippensburg where she had been waiting on her sick brother for five or six weeks.

Miss Jessie Gienger attended the quarterly conference held in Hancock last Monday.

Maggie Stahle is on the sick list.

Mr. John Stahle was in Hancock one day last week on business.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Lashley a few days ago.

### Gem.

S. E. Peck, of Bedford spent a few days visiting relatives in this neighborhood last week.

Ralph Johnston of Webster Mills was a pleasant caller at W. H. Peck's Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Garland and family spent last Friday evening with J. P. Pecks family.

Harvey Snyder was a visitor at the county seat last Saturday and Sunday.

Frank Duffy of Webster Mills was a pleasant caller on this side of the mountain last Friday evening.

Herman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hess, who reside near this place, died on the 15th inst., aged 9 months.

We will give you election returns next week.

### Old Time School Days.

The first school ever kept west of Little Scrub Ridge was in the summer of 1842. It was in an old log house on the southwest corner of Shaffer's farm, west of the pike, in Ayr township. Samuel Wise was the teacher. He lived in a house a few rods north. It was a subscription school, and was the first school the writer ever attended. The teacher was an old man. I do not remember anything about his qualifications as a teacher, only that he was a good penman. I have some of his writing yet. Joseph Wise lived at what was called at that time the Fountain Inn. David Andrews lived at the old toll-gate west of the Ridge. David Snyder lived where Grant Fix now lives. Mr. Moritz lived where Wm. A. Vallance now lives. Robt. Cluggage lived at the stone house (now Summers'). I don't remember all who went to school. I only know two that are now living—the two Miss Andrews who reside at Mercersburg. Adam and Charlotte Moritz, who afterwards lived in McConnellsburg where Aaron Clvinger lived. Matthew and Sara Wise, a Miss Allison or Ellison who lived with the teacher, and two or three Snyder children.

In the fall of the same year, 1842, a few citizens agreed to build a school house on Adam Gress's land near the U. B. church. This is a copy of the agreement:

"We, the undersigned subscribers, do hereby certify that we are all satisfied with the spot chosen for the site of the school house that Mr. Gress is willing to convey unto us one quarter of an acre ground, for fifty years, with all the timber thereon, free of cost. That we are willing to build and finish complete the house at our own expense—these things we, the subscribers, do certify."

Signed: Samuel Wise, David Anderson, Joseph Wise, Daniel Gillis, (a German name), Henry Oyler, Norris C. Elvey, Wm. Stoutegale, Robert Cluggage, Benjamin Melott.

The house was built of logs. It was about 18x20 feet, and was daubed with clay. They hauled slabs from Gillis's saw mill, and bored holes, and cut poles, and put legs in them for seats, they also bored holes along the side, drove pins in them and laid a board on for us to write on.

Samuel Wise was the first teacher, then, George Gillis, an old Scotchman. He was a terror. Some of the older boys locked him out about the holidays, and wanted him to treat the school. He charged around the house like some wild animal. About half of the scholars were crying. He then went into the woods (it was all woods then) and broke down a dead pine, and got a club. He then ordered them to open the door. Catharine Parks, one of the largest girls, opened the door. As soon as he entered, he commenced to belabor the big boys with his club, and some of them were men grown. They took it all without a murmur. I will name some of the largest—John and Wm. Fore, Lorenzo and Robert Parks, and John Leiter. They could have picked him up and carried him out.

The next was F. F. Metzler; then, Knox Alexander, then Miss Elizabeth McKillips, then David R. Dunlap, then, Jas. P. Waddle, then Jacob Rinedollar—each of the four last named taught two or three terms each, but not in succession. I think George D. Kuhn was the last to teach in the old house. If the scholars did not learn grammar and geography they learned to spell. We had spelling school once a week at night when the weather would permit. Spelling Bees are hardly heard of now anymore (at least I have not heard of one this winter). There was an act passed by the Legislature, taking part of Licking Creek for School purposes, and the site for the school

house was changed to where Scotts school house now stands—I think about 1858, Francis Scott sold a quarter of an acre for \$10.00. The roads forked then at that time—the one road run straight north, and the other northeast.

When the lot was surveyed, they ran from Snott's fence on the west and took in both roads. The house was built between the roads. A log house was put up about like the old one, with slab seats. I think some of them was taken from the old school house.

The first teacher that kept school was there three or four terms; and it would have been about as well if there had been no school. The house did not last long. Geo. K. Tice put up the house that the school is kept in now, and put in desks. They were used several years, they have patent furniture, slate black board, free text-books, and a seven month term.

What a contrast with what it was forty years ago! The text books at that time were Comly's spelling book, New Testament and the Bible—rhd, at one time, a few of the scholars bought Smiths Grammers and had got nearly through the first part when one of the Directors came in one moaning and ordered the teacher to stop that foolishness. We first used Pikes arithmetic—all pounds shillings and pences, then, we got Parker's arithmetic. We were not allowed to study grammar nor geography but we could beat any school in the township spelling. I believe it would benefit the schools more if there was more spelling bees and fewer institutes and entertainments now.

### MENTAL PASTIME.

#### Questions, Queries, and Puzzles.

Answers to last.

15. What 4 weights will weigh any quantity in pounds or half pounds, from  $\frac{1}{2}$  pounds to 20 lbs? Ans.  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $13\frac{1}{2}$ .

16. If  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 6 be 3; what would  $\frac{1}{3}$  of 10 be? Ans.  $7\frac{1}{3}$ .

17. Boy plowing. Ans. 12694—forty-three thousand five hundred sixtyfourths of an acre.

18. Two ships opposite, 90 miles apart, one sails north 4, other northwest 5 miles per hour. Will sail how far before meeting?

19. Find area of triangle; base 40, sides 20.

20. A man had 9 pigs and put them in 4 pens with an odd number of pigs in each pen. How did he divide them?

### Counterfeit Money at Hancock.

A dispatch from Hancock to the Baltimore News says: "Counterfeit \$20 gold pieces are in circulation here. Mr. J. Clarence Murray, storekeeper at Lock 53, had three of them passed on him. He passed them on until at length they were pronounced counterfeit. As a result the different parties who handled the money are suing each other for their losses and the justices of the peace here are busy trying to unravel the tangle."

"The wilds of Fulton county, Pennsylvania, just north of here, have from time to time produced counterfeiters, but the original source of the money cannot be traced any further than a stock dealer, who operated here about eight months ago."

### Ellis to Be Here.

Through the efforts of Prof. Gross of the High School, Prof. Ellis, who so delighted our teachers at the county institute of 1899 has consented to deliver his lecture, "The Biggest Word in the Dictionary," in the Court House on Saturday evening, March 2. Prof. Ellis needs no introduction to our people, and we are very much pleased that he will come. Usual price of admission.

Walter Hays, of Hancock is visiting the family of his brother George in this place.

### PERSONAL.

Mr. Elliot Ray, of Big Cove Tannery was in town Monday.

Mr. Reynolds Fohner, of Pleasant Ridge, was a caller at the News office Monday.

Zack McIlhaney, T. E. Fleming, and Howard Denisar were in town last Saturday.

W. R. Daniels and H. R. Feidt of Thompson were at McConnellsburg last Saturday.

Mr. Jacob Kauffman of Pleasant Ridge called a few minutes while in town Monday.

George W. Hays of this place spent a day or two the first of the week with friends in Everett.

Mr. David A. Kline of Green-castle spent a few days last week among friends on this side of the mountain.

Miss Mary Graves and niece Miss Maggie McKibbin, of War-fordsburg, are spending some time in Washington, D. C.

Frank Rauck of Bethel township and R. N. Darby of Williams-port, Md., came up Tuesday. They are here helping to increase the interest in life insurance.

Jury Commissioners Anthony Lynch of Union township and C. H. E. Plummer of Wells were in town last Saturday drawing the jury for March term of court.

Jehu Booth one of Dublin Mills enterprising merchants was in town Monday morning. He came down on Sunday to see his father Mr. John Booth of Tod township.

Miss Annie Mock who is engaged in a very successful millinery business at Mt. Holly, Cumberland county, is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Mock in Tod township.

J. L. Garland of Bethel township was in town last Saturday getting his account in the J. F. Garland estate ready to file. He declined to accept a contract for carrying the mail beyond the first of July.

### Bard—Mellott.

A stylish home wedding took place at the home of Michael Bard, of Pleasant Ridge, Tuesday eve Feb. 12 when his son Ross A. Bard and Bertie Mellott were united in the holy bonds of wedlock. During the entire day, sled after sled brought in guests and presents for the contracting couple and as the day rolled on the house was filled to its capacity with friends and relatives, who had come to give the happy couple their best wishes. As the hour hand on the old clock pointed to five, the sweet strains of Lohengrins wedding march was heard through the hall under the artistic touch of Mrs. Seifert's well trained hand, and then were heard the footsteps of the happy bride and groom. H. W. Seifert A. M., performed the ceremony. After receiving the congratulations of all, the bridal party embarked for the dining room where a sumptuous repast was spread, of which all ate to the health and happiness of the newly married couple. The bride was attired in a beautiful cream Henrietta ornamented Irish point lace, and cream satin ribbon; the groom was attired in black cloth suit of the latest cut. Mr. and Mrs. Bard will make their home with the groom's parents at present and in the spring they will take up their home in one of the western counties. The happy couple carry with them the writers best wishes.

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Mr. John B. Runyan of this place who has been housed with gripple for a week or two, is out again.