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## CAPTAIN SKINNER DEAD.

Died at the Scotland Industrial School Last Thursday Morning, After an Illness of Several Months.

### FUNERAL AT CHAMBERSBURG MONDAY

George Washington Skinner, or as he was more familiarly known, Captain Skinner, was born in Path Valley, Franklin county, on the 13th day of January, 1846, and was a son of David J. and Catherine (Barclay) Skinner. He was educated in the public schools in the Valley, at Milwood Academy at Shade Gap, and at Washington and Jefferson college at Washington, Pa. It was while at Washington



CAPT. GEO. W. SKINNER.

and Jefferson that he became so inspired with patriotism, that although only a boy of sixteen years, he ran away from the college, and enlisted in Company A, 77th Pennsylvania Volunteers on November 1, 1862. Despite his tender years he made an excellent soldier and was promoted to sergeant July 5, 1864; to first lieutenant September 8, 1864, and to captain on August 1, 1865.

Captain Skinner served with his company in the severe campaign in Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama, in 1863 and 1864, and in 1865, after the surrender of General Lee, he went to Texas and assisted in suppressing the last remnants of the hostile Confederates. He was mustered out with his company on December 5, 1865.

After the war Captain Skinner returned to his home in Path Valley, Franklin county. Although a seasoned veteran of many battles and severe engagements he was but twenty years old. Having already attained an enviable record as a soldier, and before he was of age, Captain Skinner, entered politics. He was nominated and elected treasurer of Franklin county, and served the full term of two years, 1868-69. In the latter year, and again in 1870, he was elected representative for the counties of Franklin and Perry in the State Legislature, and served on the most important committees of the House. In the Legislature he distinguished himself for his ardent advocacy of the Border Raid Claims bill.

In 1872 Captain Skinner removed to Fulton county, where he continued to reside for more than a quarter of a century. In 1875 and 1876 he was journal clerk of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. From 1876 to 1880 the soldier and statesman turned newspaper man and was one of the owners and publishers of the Fulton Democrat, being the principal editor. While writing strong editorials upholding the principles and advocating the Democratic party, Captain Skinner, was studying law, and he was admitted to the Franklin county bar on May 7, 1879, and to the Fulton county bar on June 9, of the same year.

During his residence in Fulton county he served four terms as representative in the State Legislature, 1880-93 and 1890-1900. Between his terms as representative, he was United States dis-

nursing pension agent at Pittsburgh, serving from August 23, 1893, to January 1, 1898, by appointment of President Cleveland.

On July 1, 1900, he was appointed superintendent of the Scotland Soldiers' Orphans' Industrial School and by his wise administration of that institution made it a model school.

Because of his varied lines of activity during his entire life, Captain Skinner learned to know thousands of citizens, from the lowly to the high in life. He was personally acquainted with a long line of Governors and State officials, prominent G. A. R. men, Legion of Honor members. Despite this Captain Skinner was thoroughly democratic and his greeting for the honest man in a lowly estate was just as cordial as to a man high in office.

Capt. Skinner was married January 10, 1872, to Ida M., only daughter of James H. and Mary A. Parker, of Reading, Pa., who survives him.

He is survived by the following children: Nellie Parker, born March 29, 1873, married April 12, 1899, married Edgar G. Criswell, of Pittsburgh, Pa., now of Brooklyn, N. Y., business manager and associate editor of The Cross, an Episcopal Church paper. Mary Hazel, born Aug. 23, 1882, wife of H. V. Black, Chambersburg. Parker Ringel, born May 1, 1885, residing at home, and Donald Kerper, born Oct. 10, 1892, also at home.

He is also survived by his mother Mrs. Catherine B., widow of David J. Skinner, of Dry Run, Pa., and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. J. F. Burke, Dry Run, Pa.; John M., and William B., Mount Vernon, Mo.; McClellan D., Fort Shaw, Mont.; Mrs. J. E. Lutz, Salina, Kans.; Miss Lizzie C. and Mrs. E. G. Jones, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Miss Ada B., Dry Run and Mrs. W. F. Skinner, Chambersburg.

Exceedingly simple but most impressive were the funeral services over the remains of Captain Skinner at the Scotland School 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Before the services the body lay in state in the main corridor of the Administration building, and was there viewed by scores of the dead captain's comrades and friends.

The services were held in Curtin Hall, and every seat in the large auditorium was taken. Back of the family and relatives sat the faculty, and next in place were the 400 boys and girls, who looked upon the man, whose form lay still, as a foster father, which in truth he was. It was touching to see the grief of the children as it expressed itself in shy, downcast eyes or in open weeping. In the rear sat comrades and friends from Chambersburg, and people of Scotland and nearby who had learned to know Superintendent Skinner as a good neighbor.

Chaplain S. K. Wine, of the School, was in charge of the memorial services, which began by the assembly singing "Lead Kindly Light." The Rev. Mr. Wine then read the 90 Psalm, and followed with a touching prayer. The congregation sang "Abide With Me," and Mr. Wine then made a very short address, in which he paid tribute to the Captain Skinner he had known, the brave and fearless soldier, the honest and useful citizen, the able and excellent superintendent.

The services closed with the benediction pronounced by Mr. Wine. After the exercises at Scotland Sunday afternoon, the remains were taken to the home of his sister, Mrs. Skinner, wife of Dr. W. Frank Skinner, at whose home the concluding funeral services were held at 11 o'clock Monday morning, and notwithstanding the rain, the attendance was far beyond the capacity of the house. The floral tributes were magnificent and in great profusion and the music very sweet and touching. The ministers officiat-

## Birthday Surprise.

A very pleasant and complete surprise party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Wagner, near Cito, September 25th, in honor of Mrs. Wagner's birthday. Mr. Wagner, knowing all about the affair, took his family to McConnellsburg. On returning home at a late hour in the evening, Mrs. Wagner was surprised to find about 60 neighbors and friends making themselves comfortable in her home. The large table in the dining room was soon put in order and was laden with plenty of ice cream and cake, to which all did ample justice.

Those present were John Hennigh and wife, William Bivens, wife and daughter Helen, Conrad Glazier, wife and daughter Thelma; George Seiders and wife, George Butterbaugh and wife, Samuel Mellott and wife, G. W. Mellott and wife, Harvey Unger and wife, John Carbaugh and wife, Russel Carbaugh and wife, Elmer Seiders and family, Mrs. Harry Hohman and daughter Bessie, Abram Wagner and daughter Elsie, John Seiders, Dora Dickey, Clara Cooper, Bessie Hobman, Edna Swisher, Bessie Heinbaugh, Marjorie Etter, Ollie Mellott, Mammie Mellott, Nora Summers, Kate Heinbaugh, Elmer Carbaugh, Cam Mellott, Andy, David, and John Heinbaugh, Russell and Kenneth Glazier, Carl and Snively Mellott, Edmond Kreg.

After having spent the evening enjoying many plays, all returned home, wishing Mrs. Wagner many more birthdays.

## ONE WHO WAS THERE.

**Peanut Crop Will Be Short.**  
The peanut crop in Virginia and North Carolina will show a big decrease in yield this year, according to reports from different sections of these two states. The average yield of these two states in previous years has been about two millions bags of Virginias, of four bushels each, and about five hundred thousand of Spanish nuts. It is estimated that the crop of Virginias this year will be about seventy per cent., while the yield of Spanish nuts will be slightly below seventy per cent. The decreased average is due to a prolonged spell of wet weather during the planting season, and a drought at a later date, affecting the seed planting.

**Are Still Missing.**  
A farmer living up near Orbisonia finding an automobile horn in the road one day, took it home determined to turn it to some use. So he taught his poultry to gather for meals at its toot, and all went well until one morning a motor car passing the farm yard blew a loud blast. The full strength of the poultry yard instantly ran out into the road and began to pursue the automobile at top speed. Some of the chickens gave out at the end of the third mile, but sixteen pullets, three roosters and a setting hen are still missing.

ing were Rev. John Allan Blair, pastor of Falling Spring Presbyterian, and Rev. A. E. Race, rector of Trinity Episcopal.

Miss Hitchcock of Wilson College sang a solo.

King Post 365, G. A. R. of McConnellsburg, of which Captain Skinner was a member, was represented by Comrades Thos. Hamill, David A. Gillis, Adam Clevenger, Henry Taylor, and Hon. J. Wesley Hoop.

The interment was private in Cedar Grove cemetery. Housum Post G. A. R. No. 809 attended in a body and paid the last rites to a beloved Comrade.

While Captain Skinner removed to Chambersburg several years ago, his long residence here greatly endeared him to our people who mourn his death as that of a warm personal friend.

## EIGHT YEARS IN THE PEN

Is the Sentence Imposed by the Court Last Saturday on Samuel M. Clevenger's Assaults.

### TIME TO REFLECT ON RASH DEED.

Last Friday the Court imposed on Frank Strickler and Peter Mertz, the two men who had been convicted earlier in the week, of burglary, assault, and larceny, two sentences—one of eight years and one of four years—to run concurrently, which means that the period of eight years covers both sentences. Sheriff Harris and Deputy Sheriff A. D. Hohman, took the prisoners to the western penitentiary on Saturday, and they are now reflecting on the rashness of their folly.

The other business of the Court following the report in last week's news, is as follows:

Petition of citizens for the appointment of viewers to vacate public road between Pigeon Cove road and Tonoloway creek road in Belfast township, presented and Frank Plessinger, B. W. Logue, and David H. Fore appointed viewers.

Petition of citizens of Belfast township for appointment of viewers to locate a road from near Stillwell Truax's barn to a point in public road at John Garland's residence. Court appointed Jonas Lake, Thomas Hollinshead, and Wm. B. Stigers, viewers.

Rule granted to show cause why judgment of Lewis Yonker vs. Lottia Hixson should not be opened. Rule awarded returnable at January term.

Case of Amos Seville vs. Emaline Seville, libel in divorce, a. v., m. Subpoena awarded, returnable to January term, 1910.

Petition of citizens of Belfast township asking for an election to determine the sentiment of the township in reference to the collection of road tax. Order granted as prayed for; thirty days notice to be given before the holding of said election.

Petition of John Rasp, a minor, for appointment of guardian, presented, and S. W. Kirk appointed guardian.

J. Milton Unger vs. Annie E. Unger. Subpoena in divorce. F. P. Lynch appointed master to take testimony and report facts.

Estate of Robert A. Kerns. Feticion of John T. Kerns et al., children and heirs-at-law of said decedent for citation and award of issue, etc., and same awarded, returnable at next term.

Assigned estate of Daniel Knauff. Return of order of sale of real estate presented, read, and ordered to be filed. Sales as made were confirmed, and assignees authorized and directed to make deeds to the respective purchasers.

S. A. Nesbit and W. L. Nace, guardians of Pryor Witter and Lucy Witter, were granted permission by the Court to join in a deed conveying the interest of the said wards in a certain tract of land to A. N. Witter, Esq.

In the case of W. L. Moseby vs. D. C. Fleck et al., when it was learned by the plaintiff that the defendants had amended their pleas, the plaintiff pleaded surprise, and the case was continued at the cost of the defendants.

The case of George Keefer vs. Rowe Mellott was tried Wednesday. George Keefer owns a tract of land about half a mile north of Big Cove Tannery on which is situate the property known years ago as the "Sumac Mill," later as the "Bone Mill," and used at other times for grind ing grain. It is located on Cove creek between the Chambers saw mill, and the dam used to furnish water for power at the Big Cove tannery. The tannery property is owned by Rowe Mellott. The business of tanning having been abandoned several years ago at that place, Rowe Mellott a few years ago leased the property to W. J. Gunning, who engaged in the manufacture of handles.

## McConnellsburg School Reports.

### PRIMARY.

Number enrolled, 50; average attendance, 48; per cent. of attendance, 98. Those present every day during month, Beulah Johnston, Myrtle McQuade, Nettie Mellott, Winnie Mellott, Ruth Peck, Mary Scott Pittman, Helen Steach, Helen Washabaugh, Marion Bender, Amy Clevenger, Edna Doyle, Mable Hamill, Erma Kennedy, Margaret Mellott, Ethel Stevens, Martha Taylor, Inez Black, Jessie Gress, Della Gress, Ethel Tritle, Ruth Taylor, Mildred Hull, Ted Hamill, Francis Houpt, Egin Mann, Frank Shimer, Chester Woodal, Carl Grissinger, Carl Houpt, Malcolm Kirk, Donald Nace, Horace Pittman, Bruce Ray, Floyd Sipes, Vincent Stevens Elwood Wilkinson, George Mosser, Pierce Nangle, Lester Gress.

### MINNIE REISNER, teacher.

### INTERMEDIATE.

Number enrolled, 36; average attendance, 35; percent of attendance, 97.

Those who attended every day during month: Lucy Alexander, Mildred Hixson, Ellenora Sinnott, Lucille Grissinger, Minerva Pittman, Dorothy Hamill, Rozella Stevens, Anna Mary Sipes, Helen Bender, Goldie Tritle, Raymond Grissinger, Pierce Henry, Hollis Wible, Frank Thompson, Robert Fassold, Ross Hamill, Willis Daniels Dwight Steach, Harry Steach, Thomas Woodal, Herman Hixson.

### GERTRUDE HOKE, Teacher.

L. I. Deshotel, of Harrisonville, was a business visitor at the County Seat last Friday.

From the testimony, it appeared that Gunning did not have sufficient water to run his plant, and so raised the breast of the tannery dam about a foot. This back ed the water onto the water wheel at the bone mill, and of course, reduced the power there. The case was given to the jury about 11 o'clock, Thursday and they stayed out until about 5 in the afternoon, when they returned with a verdict of \$35 in favor of Keefer. The point settled in the case was, that the defendant must not at any time raise the dam high enough to interfere with the power at the bone mill.

On Saturday morning the case of the School District of McConnellsburg vs. the School District of Ayr, was taken up. This was a suit brought to recover \$21 per pupil for the term of 1905-6, and \$16.50 per pupil for the term 1906-7. During the first term mentioned 7 pupils from Ayr township had attended the McConnellsburg High School, and during the second term, 11 pupils. This suit, of course, means that the McConnellsburg Board is trying to make the Ayr board pay for this tuition. The defendant refuses to pay on the plea that McConnellsburg does not have such a High School as is contemplated in the act of assembly of 1905, which says, "That children residing in school districts in which no public high school is maintained, may attend a high school in some other district, located near their homes; provided the consent of the directors of the district in which said high school is located be first obtained; the cost of tuition and school books, which shall not exceed that of the tuition and school books of children in the same grades and courses in the district maintaining such high school, shall be paid to the district receiving such children, out of the moneys raised by taxation for public school purposes in the district in which the children reside: Provided, That, before admission to a high school, such pupils shall be examined and found qualified for high school work, by the principal of such high school."

The Court took the papers along home with him, and will render a decision from chambers.

## Apple Leaf Rust.

A box, containing fruit and leaves taken from an apple tree, of the Summer Rambo variety, was sent from Perry county, to Professor H. A. Surface, State Zoologist, Harrisburg, for an explanation as to the cause of the red rust with which both fruit and leaves were covered.

Professor Surface wrote in reply:

"I have received and examined the apple leaves which you sent to us, and find these leaves infected with the Apple Leaf Rust. This disease, in order to come to perfection, must live part of the year on one kind of plant and part of the time on another. The red cedar, which is one species of juniper, is known as the alternate host. Thus, if the red cedar trees be cut down in your neighborhood, it will help to suppress this pest. It sounds at first like nonsense, to say that the destruction of red cedar trees will help to prevent apple pests, but this particular fungus disease, known as Rust or Red Rust of the Apple, cannot exist throughout the year without having a season in which it lives on the red cedar in the form of a little brown or dark ball often seen thereon, and commonly called 'cedar apples.' During a favorable time in summer, little long filaments come out of these cedar balls, or apples, and produce a dust, which consists really of great numbers of spores microscopical seeds. These are carried by the wind to the leaves and fruit of the apple trees, where they penetrate the tissue and cause the disease you have seen.

Spraying apple trees with Bordeaux mixture would also be found efficient in preventing this disease and preserving the health of leaf and fruit."

**Birthday Party.**  
The home of James A. Layton in Whips Cove was the scene of a delightful social occasion last Saturday evening, when a large number of persons assembled in honor of the sixty-first birthday of Simon Layton. Of course, Simon was kept in the shade until everything was ready, and then when the surprise was sprung upon him, he hardly knew whether he was coming or going; but his friends were all in such good humor, and everything was so nice, that he could not help being very much pleased. The refreshments were very nice, and everybody enjoyed themselves, and Mr. Layton got a lot of very nice and useful presents. Those present were D. C. Mellott, wife, and sons Wallace and Allen; E. A. Hoopengardner, wife, and daughter Tillie and son Bruce; O. D. Morris and wife; B. W. Morris and wife and sons Raymond and Guy; Chester W. Layton, Isaiah Layton and wife, Cecil Clark, Grace Layton, and Carrie Diehl.

**ONE WHO WAS THERE.**

**Game Proliferous.**  
"Game will be plentiful this fall, from all indication," says Secretary Kalbfus, of the Game Commission. "I have not heard much about squirrels yet, but bear, deer, turkeys, rabbits, pheasants, and all kinds of game birds will be found in larger numbers than for many years. This fact is due to the enforcement of the game laws."

"There were more bears killed last year than buck deer," he said, "and over 400 of each were killed in Pennsylvania. The number has been a surprise to many people, who believed that bears and deer were practically extinct in the State."

**McCallough—Meyers.**  
Lucy, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson R. Meyers, and James McCallough, of Hancock, were quietly married in Berkeley Springs, on Sept. 28, 1909. They are very estimable young people and have the best wishes of their many friends.

## ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Snapshots at Their Comings and Goings Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful Outing.

### NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

Miss Mary Graves, of Hancock, is visiting her niece, Mrs. Geo. A. Harris in this place.

Mrs. Anna DeHart, of this place is spending the time this week visiting relatives and friends in Chambersburg.

Cyrus Kelly and family are this week moving from the Henry Scott house on South First street to Chambersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lockard, who had been visiting the latter's parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Hann, returned to Altoona Tuesday.

Mrs. Charles R. Steach and children, of this place spent last Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Sipes at the toll-gate near Foltz.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Zimmerman and two children Iva and Mary, of Hancock, Md., were guests of Mrs. Grace Bender, while in town last Friday.

Rev. and Mrs. John M. Diehl, Miss Mollie Seylar, and E. H. Kirk are among those attending the State Sunday school convention in Harrisburg this week.

Miss Lillian DeHart, a former employe in the News office, has secured employment at Wilson College, Chambersburg, and entered upon her new duties this week.

Merchant C. W. Trueax, of Emmaville, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Geo. E. Trueax, spent the time from Sunday until Tuesday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hixson in this place.

Rev. Luther W. McGarvey and family, of Harrisonville, took dinner last Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sipes, and were guests of Rev. and Mrs. Harry Moyer at the parsonage at Hustontown, Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse B. Heefner and little daughter Olive spent last Saturday in town. Mr. Heefner has been slightly crippled since the Isaac McClain fire. In trying to save a pile of lumber, some one punched one of Jesse's ribs loose with a big scantling.

Mr. George Spade, wife and son Vernon, of Lexington, Nebraska, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Schetromp, on South street, from Monday morning until Wednesday, when they left for Emmaville, Fulton county, to visit Mr. Spade's mother.—Everett Republican.

Mr. J. W. Steach, of Altoona, spent the time from Tuesday until Thursday with his father and brothers in this place. From here he went down to Camden, N. J., to see his daughter Jessie, Mrs. Arthur Seal, whose husband is in failing health, and on account of which, they are removing to California.

Ex-County Superintendent Clem Chesnut, spent last Thursday in town. In addition to conducting an undertaking business, and running a store carrying a large stock of furniture, stoves, carpets, hardware, oils, farm machinery, &c., he has recently received the appointment, and is now postmaster at Hustontown.

Geo. H. Wilson, near Fort Littleton, was in town last week arranging for the advertising of his public sale which will be held on the 23rd of this month. Mr. Wilson is busy with the erection of a fine new dwelling house on his farm, to take the place of the one that has done service for so many years. The new one is a 2 1/2 story frame building, and is being built with a view to comfort and convenience. Ben Cline has charge of the carpenter work, which, of course, means a good job.