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## EIGHTY-NINE DESCENDANTS

George H. Fesler Aged 85 Years, 11 Months, and 26 Days Died Last Saturday.

## WAS WELLS VALLEY'S OLDEST CITIZEN

At the age of 85 years, 11 months, and 26 days, George H. Fesler, a veteran of the Civil War and one of Wells township's oldest citizens, died at his home in Wells Valley last Saturday, after an illness of several weeks of a complication of diseases incident to advancing years. The funeral took place on Monday, the services being conducted by Rev. Weise, of Three Springs, and interment was made in the cemetery at the Wells Valley M. E. church.

Mr. Fesler was born in Bedford county, Pa., October 18, 1825, and on the tenth day of February, 1847, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Oakman also of Bedford county, who survives him. From this union have descended 12 children, 33 grand children, and 44 great grand children. The following are the names of the children: Sarah Jane, Jacobs, Pa.; John Oliver, deceased; Mary Bell, Wells Tannery, Pa.; James Squires, Blue Knob, Cambria county, Pa.; Rebecca May, dead; Margaret Elizabeth, Saginaw, Mich.; Frances Newhall, dead; Harry Franklin, dead; George Henry, Johnstown, Pa.; William Gilmore, dead; Lillie May, Butler, Pa.; Edgar Sheridan, Wells Tannery, Pa.

On the 25th of June, 1844, Governor Porter commissioned the late John B. Alexander, of Wells Valley, Captain of the Wells Valley Union Rifle Company, and at their first muster on the fourth of July of that same year, the company was composed of 44 men. Mr. Fesler, the subject of this notice, was a member of that company, and with his death the last one has disappeared from earth.

In this connection a roster of that company may be of interest.

Officers: Captain, John B. Alexander; 1st Lieut., George Whitehill; 2nd Lieut., John Piper; 1st Corp., John Wishart; 2nd Corp., John Dunlap; 3rd Corp., W. A. Gray; 4th Corp., Jere Duvall; 2d Sergeant, James White; 3rd Sergt., Jonathan Bowman; 4th Sergt., Samuel Willett.

Privates: Kimber Moore, Geo. Rapp, Wm. Patterson, John Foote, Jr., Joseph Green, Jessie P. Edwards, E. Willet, Henry Horton, Wm. Lockard, James Speer, David Copenhaver, John White, Jr., Jonathan Horton, Joseph Oakman, Wm. White, Nelson Stevens, Walter H. Moore, Ezekiel White, Benedict Stevens, George Ashman, Wm. Frick, John Black, Jr., Joseph A. Markley, Benjamin O'Neal, Peter Gaster, Squires Oakman, George Fesler, David G. Duvall, Jacob B. Mort, George R. Lockard, Isaac Green, Alex. Gibson, William Evans, John W. White.

## PITTMAN.

Maurice Campbell, aged 5 months and 14 days, died at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. McCaulay Pittman in Thompson township, Tuesday morning, September 26, 1911. Apparently, the child never was well, and the immediate cause of its death was not easily determined. The funeral which occurred on Wednesday, September 27th was conducted by Rev. Powers of Needmore and interment was made at Rehoboth church.

## Notice to Stockholders.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Fulton County Bank, which has applied for a charter under the state banking laws, will be held at the borough of McConnellsburg, Pa., on Saturday, November 18, 1911, at 2 p. m. for the purpose of electing directors for said bank.

## Recent Weddings.

### KEITH-STUNKARD.

A very delightful social occasion transpired at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Keith, near New Grenada, in Wells Valley on the evening of Wednesday the 27th ult., when their son Jesse Monroe Keith was married to Miss Alice Virginia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Stunkard, of the Valley. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. C. F. Weise, of Three Springs, after which delightful refreshments were served. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Amon Keith and Grover Keith, of Trough Creek Valley; Misses Martha and Mary Stunkard, and Mr. Harry Stunkard, of Wells Valley; Miss Sarah Keith, of Altoona; Mr. and Mrs. L. Cunningham, of New Grenada; Charles Rotz, of Three Springs, who was Rev. Weise's chauffeur in Allen Cutchall's big automobile.

After the ceremony there was a wedding feast, such as Mrs. Keith knows well how to prepare, and it was immensely enjoyed by the guests. This part of the program was followed by the T. Pan and Cow-Bell brigade, and they favored the company with all the new music, as well as some that was popular in grandfather's time.

The bride and groom are excellent young people, and have the sincerest wishes of a host of friends for a long life of usefulness, happiness, and prosperity.

### MYERS-STEVENS.

Mr. Luther Z. Myers, of Mason and Dixon, Pa., and Miss Ella Jane Stevens, of Laidig, this county, were married on Tuesday at noon, in the Lutheran Parsonage at Greencastle, Pa., by the Rev. W. Morgan Cross, pastor of the Greencastle Evangelical Lutheran congregation. The bridal party was attended by Miss Elizabeth M. Cordell, of Kauffmans, Pa. After the ceremony the bridal party left for a visit to Baltimore and Washington, D. C. Mr. and Mrs. Myers will make their home at Kauffmans, Franklin county.

### SPADE-ENGLE.

A very quiet wedding took place last Wednesday evening October 11th in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Spade when their son Walter R. Spade and Bertha Engle were pronounced man and wife. The ceremony was performed by F. M. Lodge Esq. The groom's sister Estella Spade was bride's maid and Clair Bishop best man. After a wedding supper, the young couple were accompanied to the Hagerstown Fair. Their friends and relatives wish them much happiness.

### GRAY-FOSTER.

At the parsonage of the Third Presbyterian Church in Altoona on Wednesday, October 4th, Rev. Dr. J. E. Irvin united in marriage Mr. Charles E. Gray, of that city, and Miss Mary Ethel Foster, of Wells Valley. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thornton Foster and has the best wishes of a host of friends.

## Thank You.

You would think I had no manners at all if I should not thank the Republican electors of Fulton county for the very flattering vote given me at the late primaries for the nomination for the office of Sheriff. I can truthfully say that I entered the field only after the earnest solicitation of many people in both parties. If my nomination shall be ratified by my election in November, I shall try to be faithful to the trust. If I am not elected, I shall have no quarrel with the people, and will not have to bear the responsibilities connected with the office.

JAMES G. ALEXANDER.

E. H. Kirk Editor of the Democrat was compelled to go to his home in Taylor township one day last week. He was suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism.

## Look Out For Him.

A man of medium build, about 63 years of age, having gray hair and mustache and giving his name as George Fore, came to the home of Denton Everts, one of Thompson township's hospitable farmers on the sixth day of October. George's manner was gentle and his words were smooth, hence Mr. and Mrs. Everts gave him room at their fireside and a place at their board. So grateful was he for this hospitality, that George made himself useful by splitting the kindling, carrying in the stove-wood, feeding the calves, &c. On the Monday morning following, George told the family that he wished to go to a neighboring store for a supply of tobacco and some other little things. He went, saying that he would return in a short time. His failure to return at the appointed time, caused Mr. Everts to suspect that George might be one of those slippery ducks that go around among the farmers and "do" them, and he set about an investigation of conditions about the house and found that \$2.10 in cash, a plug of juicy tobacco, and a lot of "candidate" cigars were missing.

Thankful that his loss had not been greater, and feeling an inward satisfaction that George would have his punishment when he tried to smoke the cigars, he made no fuss about it, and the News makes this casual mention of the affair merely to warn people once more to be careful about taking tramps into their homes.

## That Trick Lock.

At the trial of Sheriff Harris in court two weeks ago, the Sheriff's lawyers attempted to make a strong point out of the fact that a certain important lock in the Jail could readily be opened with "thumb and finger" or by using a knife or any old thing, and that it had been in this condition for a long time.

Ex Sheriffs Mason and Sheets and their deputies contended that the lock could only be opened with a key during their respective administrations, and ex-Sheriff Frank Mason testified on the stand that it was a surprise to him that the lock could be opened in any other way than by a key.

Last week Ormund L. Greathead was employed to repair the jail locks, and upon an examination of the lock in question, Mr. Greathead found that some "expert" had removed the springs and pins in the lock, thus making it an easy matter to operate the lock without a key. He replaced the missing springs, &c., and now it can be unlocked only with the proper key.

Who removed the springs? When were they removed? Why were they removed?

## Dr. Kuhn Injured.

On Tuesday Dr. J. M. Kuhn, the veterinary surgeon of Mercersburg, was seriously but not dangerously injured. He was working about the carbide lantern on his automobile when the fumes or gas ignited from a cigar he was smoking and blowing the cap off the metal piece hit him in the mouth. Two teeth were knocked out, his nose split open and his upper lip torn from the jaw. He bled profusely and is weak from loss of blood. Drs. Unger and Swartsfelder attended him.

## Promoted.

Wilson H. Elder, who last spring moved from Morgantown, W. Va. to New York City, and accepted a position in the Auditor's office of the Hudson & Delaware R. R. has been transferred to Albany, N. Y. and promoted to Auditor of the Traction R. R., which operates 350 miles of electric roads around Albany, N. Y. Mr. Elder has been in the employ of the H. & D. R. R. but a few months and feels much elated over his promotion.

## SAMUEL J. COMERER.

Former Well Known Resident of Ayr Township Dies at His Home in Dixon, Ill.

From the Dixon (Ill.) Evening Telegraph of Saturday October, 7th we clip the following notice of the death of a former well known citizen of this county.

"Samuel J. Comerer died at his home in Dixon, Ill., at 7:30 a. m., Friday, October 6, 1911. Mr. Comerer, who was a son of John and Elizabeth Irwin Comerer, was born in McConnellsburg, Pa., March 8, 1839, and at the time of his death was 72 years, 6 months and 28 days of age.

He lived in Pennsylvania until 1893, when he and his entire family removed to Dixon. He resided in Palmyra township a number of years and had many staunch and loyal friends. He was the son of a Presbyterian family and his life was one of honesty and purity. He was a kind husband and thoroughly enjoyed his home life. One of his joys was to be surrounded by his devoted wife, children and grand children. He was the father of eight children, three sons and five daughters. The youngest son, Samuel Howard, died January 19, 1888, at the age of four years. One of the deep sorrows of his life, from which he never recovered, was the tragic death of his son, John C., who was killed on a railroad crossing May 12, 1906.

"He is survived by his faithful wife Catharine E. Comerer, his daughters, Minnie A. Sipes, What Cheer, Ia.; Nellie M. Comerer, Burnt Cabins, Pa.; Lizzie C. Seavey, Palmyra; Elsie J. Moses and Jennie I. Ankeny, both of Aurora; and one son, Walter A., unmarried. All the daughters were at his bedside when death came.

"Mr. Comerer was a miller by trade and followed that occupation until 1892, when his health broke down. He was a great sufferer for many years with rheumatism and later years with the complications incident to old age."

The deceased was a brother of J. C. Comerer, of Thompson township, and of Mrs. Isaac Hull, of McConnellsburg. His wife is a sister of John A. Irwin and of Miss Annie Irwin, of McConnellsburg.

## All Candidates Must Tell of Expenses.

It may not be generally known that every candidate who ran for a nomination for office September 30 must file an expense account with the Clerk of the Courts, whether nominated or defeated. The law on this matter is very explicit and says that such expense account must be filed within fifteen days after the primary election. If the candidate neglects this important matter it is a violation of the election laws, and in the future if a person who neglects this duty is nominated and elected to office he or she cannot take the Constitutional oath and is forever disqualified from holding office. This fact may make the candidates get a move on and hurry to the office to get an expense blank and fill it out. There are no exceptions to this law—it includes everybody.

## Democratic Ticket.

The Democrats of McConnellsburg met in the prothonotary's office on Saturday night and nominated the following borough ticket.

Judge of Election—P. P. Mann. Inspector—Vacant. Assessor—George B. Mellott. Town Council—Duffield Keyser, George W. Reinsner, Constable—Roy Cromwell. School Directors—B. W. Peck 2 years, Rev. J. V. Royer 2 years, A. D. Hohman 4 years, Chas. R. Spangler 4 years, Charles B. Stevens 6 years. Overseers—Charles E. Goldsmith, D. W. Gress. Auditor—William Hull.

## Parents' Day at Rock Hill.

Realizing the great advantage in having the parents of the children of her school in closer touch with the work of the school, Miss Barbara Martin, teacher of the Rock Hill school in Ayr township, set apart the afternoon of Tuesday, October 10th as "Parents' Day," and to each patron of the school she sent a formal invitation to be present on that day. The afternoon came, and with it came twenty five visitors. The time from noon until recess was spent in the regular work, just such as would take place in the afternoon of any other day—no effort being made at any special display. The patrons were able thus to see the school in its "every-day clothes" and could judge of the quality of work, the order, and the general appearance of the school. After recess, the time was given to a specially prepared program of literary exercises consisting of recitations, quotations, and music, in which all the pupils took part, and each acquitted himself in such a manner as made it pleasing to the visitors. As a recognition of the interest manifested by the patrons present, the final number on the program was the serving of splendid chocolate ice cream.

## Young Peach Trees.

The following reply to a correspondent asking whether peach trees should be pruned in the fall when planting them was made by Prof. H. A. Surface, Economic Zoologist of the State Department of Agriculture, and this may be instructive to others about to plant trees this fall. The reply was as follows:

"Replying to your letter of the 21st I would say that you can plant peach trees as soon as the leaves drop naturally. I would not touch those that have been stripped of their leaves by artificial means. Cut them back when you plant them, but not quite as far as you cut them in the spring, when your further cutting can be done.

I trust this gives you the exact information wanted, and shall be glad to give you further advice if needed."

## Moved Their Sawmill.

B. A. Deavor and son Will have moved their sawmill from near the Wells Valley Campground, to a place about a mile farther over in the Valley to saw for the Reichly Bros. Their mill had been over five years at one set, during which time they sawed for Adam J. Black, East Broad-top R. R. Co., Rock Hill Iron and Coal Co., Thomas Ramsey, A. N. Witter, Jesse O. McClam and others.

Now, we understand that B. A., and wife and grandson Oscar Deavor, are taking a vacation of a couple weeks at Harrisburg where they are visiting their son Frank.

## Thanks, Friends.

The fact that I have waited until this week to formally thank my Democratic friends throughout the County for their very hearty support at the primaries, must not be taken as an evidence that I do not appreciate the confidence thus expressed, and the honor conferred. Hoping to have the same hearty support in November, and promising to "make good" if I shall be elected to the important office, I am,

Yours truly,  
JAMES J. HARRIS.

Philip B. Melius and his brother Joseph H., of Taylor township, spent a few hours in town Monday. Philip says the wet weather has kept farmers back with their seedling, and some of them are not done sowing yet. The ground would be put in condition then a rain would come and it would have to be harrowed again. Then, before the grain could be put into the ground it would rain again, and this would necessitate another harrowing.

## Weevils.

Prof. H. A. Surface, of the Department of Agriculture, was asked some time ago how to destroy weevils in stored grain. The Professor replied that these pests are easily destroyed by the use of carbon bisulphide, observing the directions contained in the following letter:

"Replying to your letter asking how to get rid of weevil, which went from your wheat to your oats in the barn, I can say that the best thing you can do is to give the grain the carbon bisulphide treatment. Put it into a bin that can be well closed on all sides (although if the top can not be closed this is not essential, as it can be covered with wet blankets, and this will take the place of a top covering.)

Pour over the grain one pound of carbon bisulphide for each one hundred bushels of the grain contained. Keep fire away from this, as the fumes are inflammable. Do not breathe it any more than is necessary. After pouring the liquid, cover well with wet blankets to hold down the fumes. Let it remain and fumigate for a day before attempting to ventilate it. It will do no harm just to let it remain permanently closed, after removing the wet blankets within a day from the time they were placed on the grain. This will not injure the grain for feeding, grinding or seeding, and it will kill the weevil.

It would be a good plan to examine empty bins, barrels, boxes and the floors and sides of mows, and see if any weevil are to be found there. If so, spray them with five per cent. solution of creolin or crude carbolic acid in water. This is the same treatment as is given the pests in poultry houses."

## Fine Apple Land in Pennsylvania.

"Investment in western apple lands should not tempt a Pennsylvanian," says C. J. Tyson, Sec. of the State Horticultural Association and manager of the Tyson Bros., orchards in Adams county, Pa. I know orchards in this state growing on land that has sold within fifteen years for \$50.00 per acre, with good buildings, that will this year pay a net return of about \$260 per acre, over 500 per cent." In the meantime these trees have paid off all the cost of growing, including 6 per cent annuum on the investment.

Thousands of acres of apple land in Pennsylvania are still unplanted and are still available at reasonable prices. Pennsylvania apples have quality unexcelled and there is a surprise in store for all the doubters who attend the Annual Fruit Show of the State Horticultural Association at Duquesne Garden, Pittsburgh, January 15 to 20, 1912, when the State Horticultural Association, the State Breeders Association, and the State Dairy Union will meet jointly and hold a rousing show.

## Surprise Party.

Monday evening, October 9th, quite a pleasant surprise was given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Strait near Saluvia, in honor of their daughter Miss Maude. On her return home from school late in the evening, to her surprise as she opened the door, she found a number of her friends who had come to celebrate her 21st birthday. After supper the evening was spent very pleasantly. Miss Strait received many beautiful presents.

Those present were: Russell Wible, Owen Sipes, Nelle Morton A. E. Deshong, Palmer Strait, Zena Brant, A. J. Strait, Lee Decker, G. S. Mellott, S. T. Strait, Helen Deshong, Thomas Morton, George Hann, H. A. Strait, Desie Deshong, Ada Decker, Edward Kline, Cora Strait, Earl Metzler, Dwight Sipes, Elva Strait, Herman Decker, Edith Strait, Wilmer Sipes, and Robert, Paul, Onetta and Grace Strait.

## 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

H. H. Clevenger of Hiram was here on business on Monday.

B. F. Deshong of Pleasant Ridge was one of our callers on Saturday.

Samuel Cline of Burnt Cabins was in town for a short time on Saturday.

Wm. Miller of Dublin Mills was attending to business here on Friday.

J. A. Lamberson of Hustontown was at the County Seat on Saturday.

R. H., Charles and George Earley of Wells were town visitors on Monday.

Edward W. Swope of Sipes Mills was among the visitors to town on Saturday.

David Knepper and wife of Dublin Mills were pleasant callers at our office on Saturday.

David Peightel of Altoona is the guest of his sisters, Misses Sue and Annie Peightel of this place.

Samuel Hess of Gem, Democratic candidate for County Treasurer was among Saturday's visitors.

Miss Jennie Lamberson of Hustontown and father dropped into our office for a short time on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mock of Altoona are visiting Mrs. Mock's mother Mrs. Rebecca Snyder of the Extension.

Mrs. Henry A. Comerer spent the time from last Saturday until Tuesday in the home of her son Jacob Comerer at Mercersburg.

Mrs. Hoyt Glenn and little daughter were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Woodal, Sr., Wednesday afternoon of last week.

Marie Snyder who has spent the past three months in Altoona visiting her sister Mrs. Harry Mock, has returned to her home in this place.

Rev. R. H. Hoover of Perrysville, Md., spent the time from Saturday until Monday visiting among his former parishioners in Wells Valley.

Mrs. M. B. Trout has returned from an extended visit to the families of her sons, Dr. N. C. Trout at Fairfield, and Dr. C. N. Trout at Red Lion, Pa.

Mrs. Harvey Wishart and Miss May Horton, of Wells Tannery, have been visiting Mrs. Wishart's sister, Mrs. Bowman in Canada during the past week.

Harry Comerer, ticket agent in the office of the P. R. R. Allegheny City, Pa., is spending this week visiting in the home of his father, John Comerer, of this place.

Mr. William Brubaker of Mercersburg visited his niece Mrs. Robert Fryman one day last week. Mr. Brubaker is a brother of the late Mrs. H. H. Deitrich and is 86 years of age, and is a well preserved man for his age.

State Forester T. Roy Morton and wife, of Petersburg, accompanied by their sister Miss Blanche Morton who had been visiting in their home, drove over to McConnellsburg last Saturday are now spending a week with Roy's parents on the farm east of town.

C. W. Peck and family and his brother B. W. and wife, spent the time from last Friday until Sunday afternoon in Bedford. At the home of their brother-in-law, Mr. S. F. Stiver of south Richard street, Bedford at noon on Sunday at the dinner table were seated Bennett, Silas, Ruth, Mason, and Wilson, the five surviving children of Abraham and Rachel Peck, formerly of the Meadowgrounds.